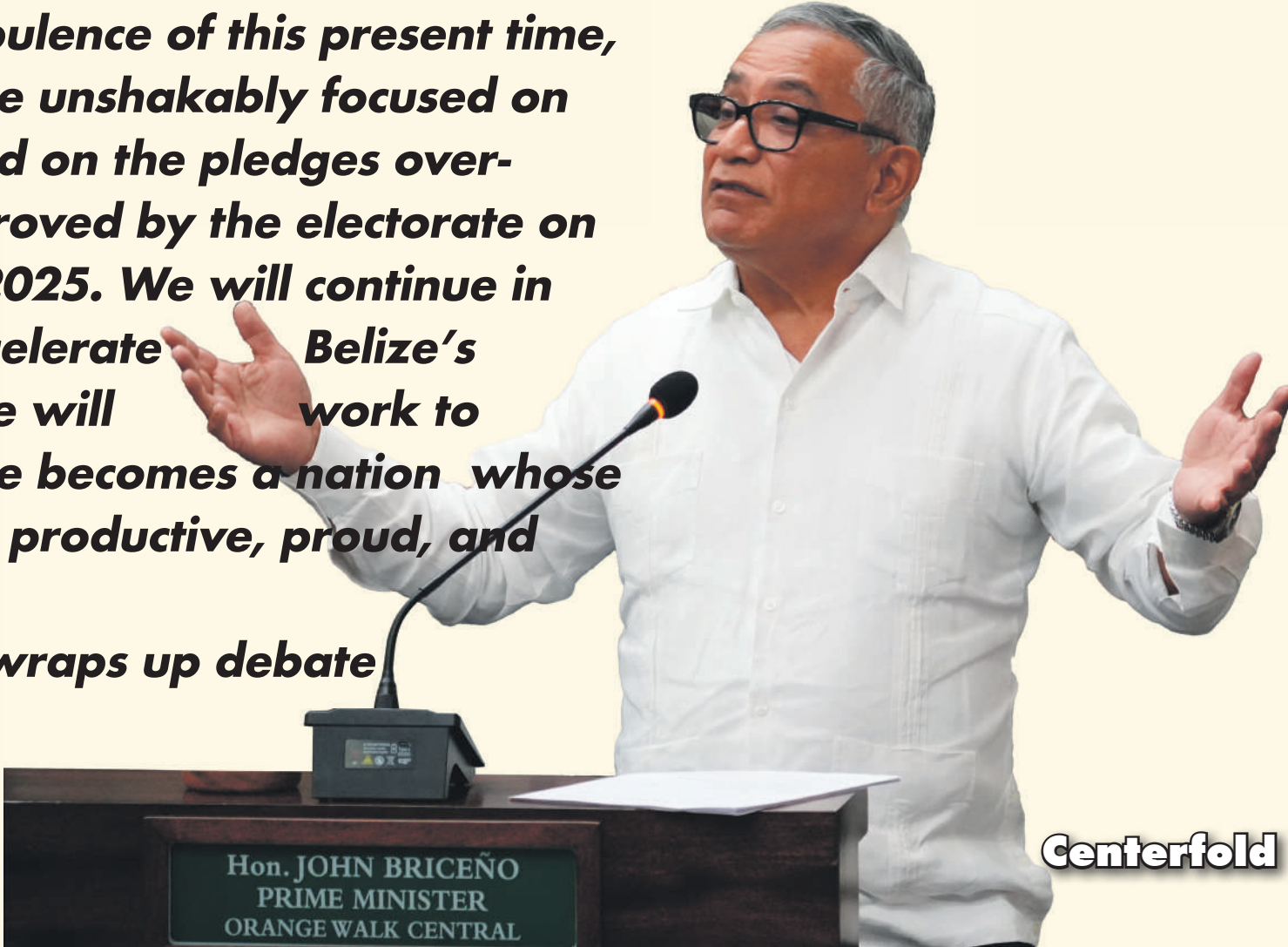


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“Despite the turbulence of this present time, we continue to be unshakably focused on planbelize2.0 and on the pledges overwhelmingly approved by the electorate on the 12th March 2025. We will continue in our efforts to accelerate Belize’s development. We will ensure that Belize becomes a nation whose citizens are safe, productive, proud, and yes, happy.”

- PM Briceño wraps up debate



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"Investing in Belize"

The debate on the proposed Revenue Appropriation Bill/ Budget for 2026-2027 took place from 23 to 25 March 2026. The Government made it clear with one voice a consistent message of progress, stability, and continued investment in the Belizean people.

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño and his government said the budget is a continuation of PlanBelize 2.0. They talked about growing the economy, reducing debt, and expanding social programs.

The government side kept mentioning the results they have achieved, like steady economic growth, more foreign investment, and big spending on healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde said they did not give in to pressure to increase taxes or cut public sector jobs. Instead, they chose financial management and growth. Ministers talked about initiatives like free secondary education, expanded national health insurance, housing programs, and rural electrification. These are all aimed at making life better and reducing inequality.

The idea of "investment" was a theme. This investment is in people, communities, and making the country stronger. Ministers discussed a vision of sustainable development covering areas like climate adaptation, food security, tourism, and trade.

Some members said these efforts are already working, with jobs, better public services, and more economic opportunities. The Opposition criticized some parts of the budget. However, the government said its criticisms lacked alternatives.

The government said that with rising fuel prices and other global challenges, they need to be careful with their finances. In the end, the debate was about confidence versus criticism. The Government's message was that they are looking to the future. They believe that investing wisely now will bring long-term prosperity.

They want to tell Belizeans that development is happening and people are feeling the benefits all over the country. Ultimately, the spirit of the debate centered on confidence versus criticism. The Government's position remained forward-looking, insisting that strategic investments today will secure long-term prosperity, with a clear message to Belizeans: development is underway, and the benefits are being felt nationwide.

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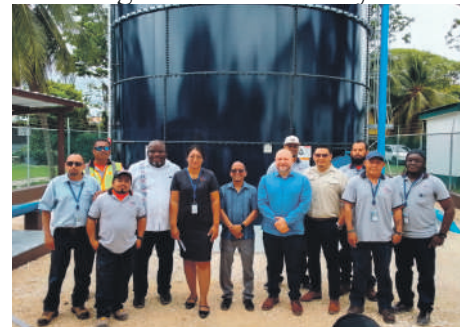
BWS Upgrades in OW

Petville Generator & Arthur St. Booster



At their home constituencies, the Prime Minister and Mayor were all gung ho with the new additions to the Orange Walk BWS system. The new Petville Water Production facility and the Arthur Street Booster Station bodes well for the distribution of water at the center of Orange Walk. There is another reason to come to Orange Walk Town—more water pressure in addition to the truly unique Tacos.

The Petville facility is there to strengthen the resiliency to cli-



mate change as it provides added storage capacity to better, manage periods of drought, variable rainfall, and other environmental challenges as we have seen. During the dry season we see less production coming out of these wells. with production capacity dropping by as much as 40%. The population still has the need to get treated water and that is where this plant comes in as BWS has committed. The Minister and Executive Chairman both echoed the sentiment that the tank is not just an investment in infrastructure, it is an investment in the well-being, for our communities and the future of Belize.

The challenges that water availability and its distribution places was voiced by more than one of the speakers. The Arthur Street facility in the heart of Orange Walk Town shows itself as a 1.15 Million well spent. The 50,000 Gallons will definitely be welcomed in time of emergency. The Chairman explained that in the event of a

major water main breaking our technicians have a critical window to respond and repair without the residents of orange Rock Town, feeling immediate loss of service. This buffer is the difference between a minor inconvenience and a major disruption to our schools, businesses and homes. Beyond the immediate benefit of storage. This project serves a higher environmental, purpose by utilizing this Arthur Street facility. The Clarke Street station has a lesser burden. He further explained that this strategic reduction in pumping is essential for 2 Reasons, first sustainability. It allows our aquafer adequate time to recharge. Ensuring we do not deplete the natural resources that provide for us and two is that it helps in terms of asset longevity, it extends the operational lifespan of our wealth and Associated equipment ensuring that the taxpayers investment is protected for years to come.

Minister Chebat, Minister of Utilities and Minister of Health Bernard both commended the efforts of BWSL and their team. Belize is a better place with a more reliable and resilient upgraded Water system in Orange Walk.



BWS 25th Anniversary

In marking 25 years of BWS, a space was created to highlight the work that defines the company. That work has meant literally delivering water to Belizeans all over the country. At this time BWS has a host of achievements that they will attempt to showcase in an exhibit. Under the current Executive Chairman, the Belize Water Service has received regional accolades and awards for its practices and for the water that it provides daily.

Something that is should be highlighted is the BWS's collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Transformation. The goal is very similar—that of taking water to those that need it. History has seen the Ministry helping the BWS with its mission and today the reverse is the same.

Today, the management of sewage is forefront in our nation as we grow. Millions of dollars will have to be spent to get Belize City modernized in it sewage collection and treatment. Around Belize the same urgency is being addressed in Caye Caulker, San Pedro and other mainland tourist destinations. The latter is stated as it is tourist destinations that



seems to be growing with greater alacrity as Belize becomes a target destination for more visitors. BWS and its leadership is up to the task. The people of Belize have been asked to pinch in to that as well.

"Twenty-Five years on... the commitment remains the same." – BWS Post

The BWS's exhibition showcased the work, and ongoing efforts that continue to support and strengthen communities we serve. It offered an opportunity to share what has been built over the years and the impact of sustained, focused work.

The Exhibition as well as the Wellness Fair were both held at the Belize City Headquarter grounds with the former drawing the attention of Minister of Health Bernard and Minister of State Gilroy Usher. The public is looking forward to the Saturday March 28 Charitable Bike Ride taking off at 5:30am from the BWS Compound in Belize City. Join in for as they continue to celebrate their 25th anniversary by giving back to the community. It is a Five dollars donation for anyone ages 12 and up. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/jd4SYkuUcM?origin=lpLink>

Registration can be done at the cashier and should be emailed to accountsdept@bws.com.bz. Funds will be donated to the neighboring school in the community.

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EDITORIAL

PlanBelize Fact Vs Chat UDP

The Briceño Administration's proposed 2026-2027 Revenue and Appropriations Bill has been debated and passed at the Lower House of Representatives. Unprecedented, the 1.91-billion-dollar bill presented to the nation comes amid the flow of a growing planBelize 2.0 economy. No other has been drafted while there was a 2 per cent unemployment rate, a 66 percent debt-to-GDP ratio down from 135 percent just 4 years before, a managed inflation of 0.7 per cent for February 2026, after an over USD \$315 million in Foreign Direct Investment in 2025, a burgeoning Business Process Outsourcing paying our Belizean reportedly over USD \$150 Million, and an outlook that has IFI's predicting a 1.5 per cent GDP growth at least. Belize's economy yields at least 1 billion dollars more than in 2019—a real testament to managing Covid-19, defeating UDP-13, recovery from the brink of economic disaster and additional true growth. All credit for going from a failed, incompetent, and corrupt UDP in 2020 to an economy yielding 6 Billion Dollars goes to the Belize people, led by Prime Minister John Briceño and his planBelize team. That is a fact.

The budget rebuttals were anticlimactic. The Opposition, which is receiving unprecedented support from the Government for its constituents—PUP constituencies in the past got zilch from Barrow—came with a Leader of the Opposition's "nothing" rebuttal overflowing. The UDP rebuttals were rife with a vicious, unsubstantiated attack on the Government, especially directed at Prime Minister Briceño. This vitriol came in the form of two two-hour tirades, devoid of solutions and stuffed with lies, while featuring the expected UDP-classless heckling by the first woman leader, who has an obvious disdain for Belizean progress, as this relegates the UDP remnants to perpetual Opposition. The Leader of this Opposition has the shameful distinction of having been a member of a Barrow administration which was self-described as made up of "hotbeds of corruption." It can then be argued that the current Leader of the Opposition was part and parcel of a Barrow hotbed of corruption. Was there corruption in the 2020 process of issuing the Boledo license to another 'Brads' group with a member of the Barrow family as a partner? Has Tracy confessed to any other instances like Hugo's land scandals, Imer's infrastructure and UDP purse scandals, Zero-Houses built scandal, Boots House for non-existent Poor scandal, BTL's Miami 600-Million-dollar deal scandal and others? This newspaper has argued that a confession of this magnitude would require a complete resignation.

The budget for Belizean prosperity for 2026-2027 is prudent, avoiding overambition while achieving macroeconomic growth and social justice. A country's budget does not need to balance exactly, and in many cases, running a managed deficit is considered economically beneficial. Economically speaking, a strict, mandatory balanced budget can be harmful; this notion is very distant from the still incompetent UDP, which attempts to derail the powerful people-driven economy. Most economists advocate that governments should aim to balance their budgets over the course of an economic cycle rather than each year. The visionary Briceño PUP's economic cycle spans more than 5 years. This year's 200-million-dollar deficit between projected revenue and expected expenditure in Belize should allow long-term investments to fund critical infrastructure projects—such as roads, schools, or technology—which can pay for themselves over time by expanding economic capacity, which can be considered fair to future generations who will benefit from the investment. PlanBelize budgets have leaned on grant funds and on highly concessionary loans in the long term. Twenty and thirty years later, as the latter approach maturity, the next generation will live in an even larger economy and see these payments as easily repayable. They might even think, why wasn't more invested?

This year, inflation, investor confidence, cash availability and debt payments are all favourable, thus the budget for 2026-2027 reflects that. The US-Iran war and its effect on fuel prices could be extremely economically disastrous for Belize, so Capital spending on new projects will be held back. The outlook in the short and medium term at budget presentation time is cautious but will most likely be positive, as most do not expect the war to be long drawn out.

The Briceño government will stabilise the overall economy, for example, manage its low unemployment, create an environment for new workers, such as women and graduates, and still grow the economy. Specifically, one example of this in the budget is the World Bank IDA-financed Early Childhood Development and Female Empowerment Project – US\$ 23.5 million to improve access to quality early childhood care and education and female employment opportunities in early childhood care and education and in other sectors. Slated to commence in July of this year, the project also aims to increase the availability of preschool services in underserved areas, improve the quality and inclusivity of existing preschool services, and increase the availability of quality, inclusive early development centres. This seeks to increase women's labour force participation, skill training, and increase Belizean women's earning capacity.

The future is about real progress, not Leader Pantón's fake "Chat UDP." The Todos Ganamos mantra has evolved from the all-encompassing 'Serve the People' mantra of Price's PUP. Everybody Fi Win is what John Briceño aims for in the eradication of poverty; we are Right Pan Track to attaining that. The PUP is not about winning elections, yet we know that the Belizean people are not to be taken for granted. It is only through the electorate's continued vote that Belize will remain true to the PUP's ideals, so the work continues within the Party as we serve the people. Time continues plummeting the Barrow infamy into deep history while raising the Briceño legacy to where everyone belongs.

en Español

PlanBelize: Realidad Frente a Infundios UDP

El proyecto de ley de ingresos y asignaciones presupuestarias para 2026-2027, presentado por el Gobierno de Briceño, ha sido debatido y aprobado en la Cámara Baja de la Asamblea Legislativa. Este proyecto de ley sin precedentes, por un valor de 1.910 millones de dólares, se presenta a la nación en medio del auge de la economía del PlanBelize 2.0. No se ha redactado ningún otro proyecto de ley con una tasa de desempleo del 2 %, una proporción deuda/PIB del 66 % —frente al 135 % de hace solo cuatro años—, una inflación controlada del 0,7 % para febrero de 2026, tras más de 315 millones de dólares en inversión extranjera directa en 2025, un floreciente sector de externalización de procesos empresariales que, según se informa, paga a los beliceños más de 150 millones de dólares, y unas perspectivas que llevan a las instituciones financieras internacionales a predecir un crecimiento del PIB de al menos el 1,5 %. La economía de Belice genera al menos 1000 millones de dólares más que en 2019, lo que constituye un verdadero testimonio de la gestión de la COVID-19, de la derrota del UDP-13, de la recuperación tras el borde del desastre económico y de un crecimiento real adicional. Todo el mérito de haber pasado de un UDP fallido, incompetente y corrupto en 2020 a una economía que genera 6.000 millones de dólares recae en el pueblo de Belice, liderado por el primer ministro John Briceño y su equipo de planBelize. Eso es un hecho.

Las réplicas al presupuesto fueron decepcionantes. La oposición, que está recibiendo un apoyo sin precedentes del Gobierno para sus electores —en el pasado, los distritos electorales del PUP no recibieron nada de Barrow—, presentó una réplica del líder de la oposición, repleta de «nada». Las réplicas del UDP estuvieron plagadas de ataques virulentos e infundados contra el Gobierno, dirigidos especialmente al primer ministro Briceño. Este vitriolo se materializó en dos diatribas de dos horas, desprovistas de soluciones y repletas de mentiras, acompañadas de las esperadas interrupciones sin clase del UDP por parte de la primera mujer líder, quien muestra un evidente desdén por el progreso de Belice, pues ello relega a los restos del UDP a una oposición perpetua. La líder de esta oposición tiene la vergonzosa distinción de haber sido miembro de una administración de Barrow que se autodenominaba «semillero de corrupción». Por lo tanto, se puede argumentar que la actual líder de la oposición formaba parte integrante de un foco de corrupción de Barrow. ¿Hubo corrupción en el proceso de 2020 de concesión de la licencia de Boledo a otro grupo de «Brads» **con un miembro de la familia Barrow como socio? ¿Ha confesado Tracy algún otro caso como los escándalos de las tierras de Hugo, los de las infraestructuras y las arcas del UDP de Imer, el escándalo de las casas «Zero», el de las «casas de Boots» para pobres inexistentes, el de la operación de 600 millones de dólares de BTL en Miami y otros?** Este periódico ha argumentado que una confesión de esta magnitud requeriría una dimisión total.

El presupuesto para la prosperidad de Belice para 2026-2027 es prudente, ya que evita la ambición desmedida y, al mismo tiempo, promueve el crecimiento macroeconómico y la justicia social. El presupuesto de un país no tiene por qué estar exactamente equilibrado y, en muchos casos, mantener un déficit controlado se considera económicamente beneficioso. Desde el punto de vista económico, un presupuesto estrictamente equilibrado y obligatorio puede ser perjudicial; esta idea está muy lejos del todavía incompetente UDP, que intenta descarrilar la poderosa economía impulsada por el pueblo. La mayoría de los economistas defienden que los gobiernos deben aspirar a equilibrar sus presupuestos a lo largo de un ciclo económico, en lugar de hacerlo cada año. El ciclo económico del visionario Briceño del PUP abarca más de 5 años. El déficit de 200 millones de dólares de este año entre los ingresos previstos y los gastos esperados en Belice debería permitir inversiones a largo plazo para financiar proyectos de infraestructura críticos —como carreteras, escuelas o tecnología— que pueden amortizarse con el tiempo al incrementar la capacidad económica, lo cual puede considerarse justo para las generaciones futuras que se beneficiarán de la inversión. Los presupuestos de PlanBelize se han apoyado en subvenciones y préstamos altamente concesionales a largo plazo. Veinte y treinta años más tarde, cuando estos últimos alcancen su vencimiento, la próxima generación vivirá en una economía aún mayor y considerará que estos pagos son fácilmente reembolsables. Incluso podrían pensar: ¿Por qué no se invirtió más?

Este año, la inflación, la confianza de los inversores, la disponibilidad de efectivo y los pagos de la deuda son favorables, por lo que el presupuesto para 2026-2027 lo refleja. La guerra entre Estados Unidos e Irán y su efecto sobre los precios del combustible podrían ser extremadamente desastrosos para Belice desde el punto de vista económico, por lo que se frenará el gasto de capital en nuevos proyectos. Las perspectivas a corto y medio plazo en el momento de la presentación del presupuesto son cautelosas, pero lo más probable es que sean positivas, ya que la mayoría no espera que la guerra se prolongue.

El Gobierno de Briceño estabilizará la economía en general; por ejemplo, gestionará su bajo nivel de desempleo, creará un entorno propicio para nuevos trabajadores, como las mujeres y los titulados universitarios, y seguirá impulsando el crecimiento económico. Concretamente, un ejemplo de ello en el presupuesto es el Proyecto de Desarrollo de la Primera Infancia y Empoderamiento de la Mujer, financiado por la AIF del Banco Mundial, con 23,5 millones de dólares estadounidenses destinados a mejorar el acceso a una atención y educación de la primera infancia de calidad, así como las oportunidades de empleo para las mujeres en este sector y en otros. Previsto para comenzar en julio de este año, el proyecto también tiene como objetivo aumentar la disponibilidad de servicios preescolares en zonas desatendidas, mejorar la calidad y la inclusión de los servicios preescolares existentes y aumentar la disponibilidad de centros de desarrollo infantil de calidad e inclusivos. Con ello se pretende aumentar la participación de las mujeres en la población activa, la formación profesional y la capacidad de generar ingresos de las mujeres beliceñas.

El futuro se basa en el progreso real, no en el falso «Infundio UDP» de la líder Pantón. El lema «Todos Ganamos» ha evolucionado a partir del lema global «Servir al pueblo» del PUP de Price. «Everybody Fi Win» **es lo que John Briceño persigue en la erradicación de la pobreza; estamos en el camino correcto para lograrlo. El PUP no se centra en ganar elecciones, pero sabemos que no se puede dar por sentado el apoyo del pueblo beliceño. Solo a través del voto continuo del electorado, Belice seguirá fiel a los ideales del PUP, por lo que el trabajo continúa dentro del partido mientras servimos al pueblo. El tiempo sigue hundiendo la infamia de Barrow en las profundidades de la historia, al tiempo que eleva el legado de Briceño al lugar que a todos nos corresponde.**

Special Sitting of the House of Representatives
Debate on the General Revenue & Appropriations Bill 2026-2027
March 23, 24, 25
National Assembly, Belmopan



Hon. Cordel Hyde, Deputy Prime Minister, Natural Resources (Lake Independence)

“Madame Speaker, the leader of the opposition, spoke for almost two hours, and she spoke about just everything under the sun. The leader of the opposition had a lot of things to say, but what she did not mention is that, and what she did not say is that on this side of the house, we have not raised taxes. The IMF recommended that we fire 3,000 public officers and teachers and raise the GST to 19%. We didn’t cry, we didn’t get frustrated. We didn’t get shaky. We didn’t make any excuses. We rolled up our sleeves under the leadership of the honorable prime minister, and we got to work. We have had 20 or more straight quarters of growth in this country. We have reduced our debt even though our economy is much larger than the one we inherited. When you offer yourself to serve the people, no matter what, you can’t make excuses. We are helping to regularize thousands of landowners, lifting these folks out of poverty, throwing them an anchor in the middle of the storm. We are transferring wealth to those who have too little. We are transferring wealth to everyday people every single day. Almost 20,000 purchase prices delivered in just the last two years alone! “This budget puts us on the right track.”



Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Technology and Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (Freetown)

“We have created these low-cost houses for our people, changing their lives, transforming their lives across the country. We can change the life of a family by providing them with a house. Transformative, restoring their dignity. There is unprecedented enrollment in our education system, particularly at the pre-primary and tertiary levels. 78,000 students and 4,500 teachers are set to be impacted by an expansion of the ConnectED programme. That is over 283 schools. Over 60% of secondary schools will benefit from FREE Education, that’s relief to over 8,500 families. Our Government is committed to healthy and well-nourished students who are ready to contribute to national development. This budget will further advance technological integration and innovation to enhance teaching and learning. Safeguarding Belize’s sovereignty and territorial integrity remains our top foreign policy objective.



Hon. Orland ‘Landy’ Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management (Cayo Northeast)

“The work of my ministry sits at the heart of Belize’s future; its work reaches every district and every Belizean family. Its core lies in protecting the natural resources that sustain our economy, strengthening our communities against the growing impacts of climate change, and ensuring that development across this country remains sustainable and resilient.”



Hon. Dolores Balderamos-Garcia, Senior Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (Belize Rural Central)

“We live, Mr. Speaker, in challenging times, but there is absolutely clear government commitment, and this budget reflects that commitment to the people and to the development of Belize. As it is a privilege to serve.”



Hon. Alex Balona, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security & New Growth Industries (Cayo Central)

“This government is not about favoritism. It is all about delivering to the needs of every city, town, and village of our jewel. This is the huge and clear difference between our government and those who were in power before us.”



Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health & Wellness (Orange Walk East)

“Over \$238 million invested in our healthcare system. That is one of the largest investments in health in our nation’s history because healthcare should never depend on the size of a person’s wallet. National Health Insurance has now been expanded to the entire country. Over \$6.62 million invested in nurses since 2020. We can’t build a strong economy without a healthy nation. Over \$66 million has been invested in hospitals. This is a real investment in the lives of our people and is, in part, fulfilling our promise to build a healthier, stronger, and better nation.”



Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation (Belize Rural South)

“This is not a budget built on hope alone; this is a budget built on results. Belize is not just a small state. Belize is a big ocean state. We are supporting over 20,000

Belizean families by expanding marine protection of our ocean space to over 25 percent and increasing fisheries export to over \$44 million. This is how you build a country, through planning, through vision, and through responsible leadership.”



Hon. Ramon ‘Monchi’ Cervantes, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology (Orange Walk North)

“I stand here proudly to support and approve this budget 2026-2027 so that Belize can continue moving forward under this People’s United Party government. As the adage says, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Today, I stand to make testament to the good people of Belize of the good work that this PUP government under the leadership of our Prime Minister, the Right Hon John Briceño, has been doing to make education work for Belize. The work has been arduous, the leadership has been steadfast, and the results have been rewarding, palpable, and impactful.”



Hon. Florencio Marin, Minister of Defence and Border Security, (Corozal South East)

“I rise today with a deep sense of duty and responsibility to present the budget for the Ministry of National Defense and Border Security for the fiscal year 2026 2027. This is a budget for Bleian prosperity centered around the reinforcement of our national security. At the core of our national mission is a simple but profound obligation to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Belize. This year’s budget reflects a continuation of the three main areas of focus for the Ministry of National Defense and Border Security. Firstly, operational readiness. Second, border security enhancement, and third, human capital development. With \$2.5 million in rifles and \$1.5 million in ammunition and other essential operational gear. These investments strengthen our capabilities, enhance our readiness, and ensure we are prepared to respond swiftly to any threat.”



Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of Public Service & Disaster Risk Management (Fort George)

“A capable and professional public service is the cornerstone of national development. The resilience of a nation rests upon the strength of its institutions and the dedication of its public officers. Our public officers remain the engine through which policies are implemented, programmes are delivered, and citizens receive the services they depend on every day. Over 2,000 public officers have enrolled in the Induction Training Programme, strengthening the professionalism of the Belize Public Service. We are investing in specialized training and certification to strengthen Belize’s capacity in disaster risk management and climate resilience. Approximately 82% of officers on study leave are women, reflecting the growing leadership and advancement of women in the Belize Public Service.”



Hon. Thea Ramirez-Garcia, Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs (Corozal Bay)

“Building a Belize where development is felt by every citizen. This Government’s social protection programmes reflect targeted, strategic support that keeps children in school, food on tables, and dignity intact. Justice must punish wrongdoing, but it must also create pathways to redemption. A Belize where children are protected, women are empowered, families are supported, and the most vulnerable are included.”



Hon. Julius Espat, Minister of Infrastructure Development & Housing (Cayo South)

“Everybody knows that the program is fully subsidized by the government, which is close to seventy-five percent. This is a social program that we are doing. The starter homes, which are approximately 420 square feet, are valued at approximately \$60,000, which over ten year period of \$100 BZ dollars a month, in which we have over 128 contractors doing the construction.”



Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs & Transportation (Dangriga)

“We know that being able to make these kinda of transformation is not easy, and so behavioral changes is at the heart of those trainings. This is something that we ask the general public to work with us. Because before we can ask anybody to change, we have to look at ourselves in the mirror, we have to start with our own selfies, that is what our party is about.”



is where I learned what resilient feel like. It is where I learned that even when you have a little, you can still dream big.

Collet never needed miracles; Collet just needed someone to show up.”



This fiscal year, four communities, Jalacte, San Benito Poite, San Vicente, and Fireburn, will gain electricity for the first time, reaching over 250 households and 750 Belizeans. With 0 rolling blackouts, over 19,000 smart meters, and 8,000 LED streetlights installed nationwide, Belize’s electricity system is stronger, smarter, and more reliable than ever. Through partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank, Belize is advancing the next phase of rural electrification, bringing power to more than 1,000 households and over 4,000 Belizeans.”



agenda aimed at expanding opportunities for Belizean producers and strengthening economic resilience.”



Project, the World Bank Group has provided necessary support in addressing drainage issues in Punta Gorda.

CDF is investing \$10 million to modernize education facilities in Corozal and Belmopan, strengthen the honey and livestock industries through capacity building, and support economic activity with the construction of a Public Market in Bella Vista.”



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the Corruption Perceptions Index published by Transparency International after a 13-year absence. The return of Belize to the index represents a clear step taken by the current administration to place the country back within an international framework that values transparency and accountability.

The OSH Bill will lead to the establishment of a National Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee to guide standards and policy, and the operation of a dedicated Inspectorate with the authority to enter workplaces, investigate risks, and enforce compliance. Employers must provide safe workplaces, proper training, and protective equipment at no cost to workers. They must assess risks every year and take action to reduce them.”

Hon. Devin Daly, Minister of State, Youth & Support (Collet)

“One of the greatest things that I learnt growing up in Collet, Madam Speaker, is that Collet has heart. A kind of heart that cannot be measured in budgets, a kind of love that cannot be written into policy.

Collet is not just a constituency on a map. It is my story, it is where I learn what struggle looks like, and it

Hon. Michel Chabet, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics (Cayo North)

“Energy is the foundation of national development, powering our schools, hospitals, businesses, and homes. This is why investing in a strong and reliable energy sector remains a top priority for Belize. Access to electricity is transforming lives.

This fiscal year, four communities, Jalacte, San Benito Poite, San Vicente, and Fireburn, will gain electricity for the first time, reaching over 250 households and 750 Belizeans. With 0 rolling blackouts, over 19,000 smart meters, and 8,000 LED streetlights installed nationwide, Belize’s electricity system is stronger, smarter, and more reliable than ever.

Through partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank, Belize is advancing the next phase of rural electrification, bringing power to more than 1,000 households and over 4,000 Belizeans.”

Hon. Marconi Leal Jr, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Trade (Belize Rural North)

“The work at the Foreign Trade Ministry is an integral part of the broader national vision, one that positions Belize as a competitive and outward-looking economy. Through the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, we are advancing a focused and strategic Trade

agenda aimed at expanding opportunities for Belizean producers and strengthening economic resilience.”

Hon Ramiro Ramirez, Minister of State, Solid Waste Management (Corozal South West)

“Unity is very important, you see how we work on this side. Nuh matta, we have differences, but by the end of the day, we work for our people. I can testify that from down south to Corozal, from San Pedro to Benque, the people are getting what they deserve. I love my people, and I will do anything for my people.”

Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State, Economic Transformation (Toledo East)

“Through the World Bank’s CRESAP project, BZ\$12 million was committed to address pest-related challenges, including Fusarium, stem borer, and frog hopper. And through the Blue Cities and Beyond

Project, the World Bank Group has provided necessary support in addressing drainage issues in Punta Gorda.

CDF is investing \$10 million to modernize education facilities in Corozal and Belmopan, strengthen the honey and livestock industries through capacity building, and support economic activity with the construction of a Public Market in Bella Vista.”

Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of Home Affairs & Enterprise (Belmopan)

“Prosperity is not just a word; it is a responsibility. For years, Belizeans were promised growth. Today we are delivering it. This budget is about one thing: real results for real people. We don’t just We are doing the work, delivering the results, and the people are seeing the difference.”

Hon. Kareem Musa, Minister of Immigration, Labour & Governance (Caribbean Shores)

“The Department of Border Management and Immigration Services managed over 3.8 million passenger movements. The Amnesty program offered amnesty to more than 10,000 men, women, and children who qualified. Belize has returned to



is clear again that from the evidence from the Banana Industry that this PUP Government led by our able Hon Prime Minister Hon John Briceño, has the back of Belizean farmers.”



transform things, and that is what this government has done slowly but consistently to turn things around.”

Hon. Anthony Malher, Minister of Tourism, Diaspora Relations, Youth & Sports (Pickstock)



“When tourism thrives, it supports people and communities. It also drives activity across the wider economy. Infrastructure projects are ongoing across Belize. These country-wide enhancements’ primary focus is improving our tourism product while delivering benefits to local communities.

Through international partnerships, the Elevate Training Institute is strengthening Belize’s tourism workforce with training in culinary arts, food safety, and frontline service delivery. These trainings are expanding job opportunities and ensuring a stronger, more prepared workforce to support the industry’s continued growth.

With an estimated \$3.5 billion in revenue, tourism remains a major driver of economic activity in Belize. Its impact extends across the value chain and reinforces linkages between tourism and other productive sectors.”



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)



PROJECT COORDINATOR – MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Institution: Ministry of Finance

Country: Belize

Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program

Process ID: BL-L1038-P00111

Duration: One (1) year

Duty Station: Ministry of the Public Service, Training and Development Unit, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)

Deadline: April 8, 2026; 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (EXTENSION)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the “Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) Program” being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of a “Project Coordinator” who will support the Ministry of the Public Service for Component 1.4 of the Project.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-project-coordinator-under-strengthening-public-expenditure-management-spem-program-individual-consultant-bl-l1038-p00111-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:

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Ministry of Finance

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NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 5/2026

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$83,200,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 7 April 2026 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 7 July 2026.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, 2 April 2026.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesday, 7 April 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

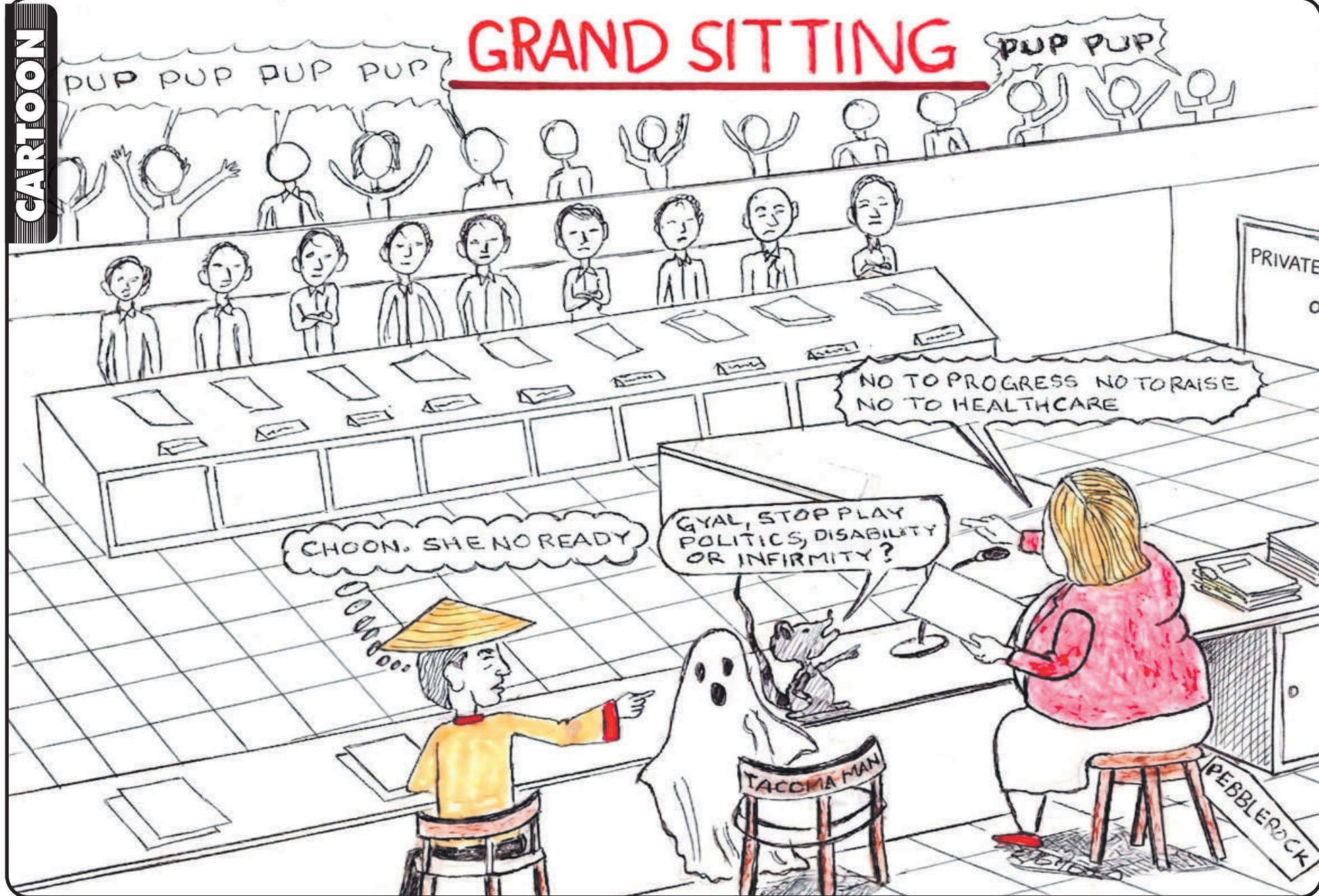
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The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

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13 March 2026



Budget 2026-2027 Debate Closing Prime Minister John Briceño

Remark Excerpts
National Assembly Building
March 25, 2026



Madam Speaker,
The contributions over these past three days have been, for the most part, informative and engaging.

For those who tuned in, they were provided two versions of this budget and what it represents for Belize. For us on this side, the listening public received key details on how PlanBelize

2.0 is delivering for the Belizean People as well as how we plan to keep delivering for the benefit of all. From those on the other side, especially from the leader of the opposition, they received a drab and dragged-out ramble with little substance and no true analysis of the budget. The Leader of the Opposition was poorly prepared and failed in a real analysis of the National Budget proposals. She tried, unsuccessfully, I believe, to deceive and distort the facts, and many of my colleagues were quick to point this out. And perhaps this is where the disability lies, Madam Speaker, in her not being able to properly analyse, criticize, and provide alternatives, exposing her lack of qualifications to lead a nation. I can be a lot harsher in my criticism of the Leader of the Opposition at this time, Madam Speaker, but I am not a cruel person, plus I need not be, because the critics in her own Party have already passed judgment on her performance.

One of their stalwarts posted on social media, and I quote: “Is this crap what you invited UDP supporters to tune in to?” Crap is the word he used to describe almost two hours of aimless rambling. Not even I would have gone there, but there it is, from one of their own. ...

Please understand, we did not do this for you, we did it because we believe all the people deserve it, Everybody fu win! Todos Ganamos! We did all these things for the people. The second thing you did was to come here to say NO. This was a NO response to the budget, Madam Speaker. From what we could gather in their responses, the Opposition is against the following, they are against NHI.

They are against the increase in salaries for public officers, teachers, and our uniformed services. They are against free education. They are against our mobile land clinics. They are against the housing program. They are against infrastructure development. They are against farm roads, clinics, and hospitals. How do we know this? Because shortly they will vote NO when you put the question, Madam Speaker...

Let me say this again so the Belizean people can be reminded of what we have done to improve health in Belize. First, we are expanding NHI coverage to include the entire Cayo District, offering services to 325,000 persons countrywide. Second, we are allocating significant resources to strengthen the supply side—because a promise of care is empty without the infrastructure to deliver it... We are partnering with the Ministry of Health and Wellness to upgrade polyclinics in key districts and, crucially, to address the human resource gap. We are working with our health care professionals Sir. Do you know that two of our most popular NHI Clinics are Cleopatra White and Matron Roberts Health Clinics? And they are being paid the same as all the other clinics. Do you know that Mercy Clinic is an NHI Clinic? Do you know that the Belize Family Life Association (BFLA one of the oldest NGOs in Belize, is an NHI clinic? Are these organizations PUP cronies? Just do a little research, and you will find out that all these partners are involved as NHI clinics. Madam Speaker, as you know, because you have said it again and again, and I quote you mam: “honourable members that report is made to lie on the table.” End of quote. The National Health Insurance has been audited every year since 2001, when the pilot project commenced in the Southside of Belize City.

Since 2001, even during the 13 years of the UDP’s mal administration, the Audited Financials of the NHI have been tabled in this Honourable House along with the audited financials of the SSB. Soon NHI will become the National Health Insurance Authority. Under this authority NHI financials will continue to be audited yearly and those reports will be laid before the House... The Member from Mesopotamia, my friend, said that we would come here and say they lack the moral authority to make certain criticisms. I will not disappoint him. Madam Speaker, the members of the UDP opposition do not have the moral authority to criticise this government for how we manage the finances of this country because they have a leader who was silent as her Government borrowed a million dollars a day just to pay salaries. They choose not to see the immense change that has swept the country since 2020, because they come from a culture where this kind of

progress was never possible. They could not dream of a day when 100s of single mothers could own a home for 12,000 dollars. They had neither the vision nor the desire to raise the minimum wage for those Belizean people, who are among our poorest. The former UDP Minister of State for Trade and Investment will never be able to understand how the government can earn tens of millions in profits from Fu We Boledo because she was the one who signed the contract for their special interest cronies who made tens of millions....

Although a former Minister of State for trade and investment, the Leader of the Opposition seems incapable of comprehending our stellar work with MSMEs. Madam Speaker, in 2025, we introduced a fiscal incentive business tax amnesty program that saw applications of approximately 909 micro and small enterprises. This program made us aware of several issues affecting MSMEs, especially microenterprises and start-up investments. The work on the tax amnesty exposed critical barriers that held back micro enterprises’ formalization, growth, and development, and strongly indicate the need for further government intervention to ensure that MSMEs operate in a formal setting of the Belizean economy. To fix this, the Ministry of Investment has started the drafting of a “Micro Enterprise Incentives and Regulatory Relief Act”. The intention for this new legislation is to provide incentives and simplified regulatory procedures for micro enterprises; to reduce administrative burdens under the Belize Tax Service Act, the Belize Companies Act, the Trade Licensing Act, and other relevant laws; to promote formalisation, growth, and access to government services. They talk about Belizeans not feeling the benefits of this Government, ask the more than 900 small business owners who benefited from this amnesty, and how this program uplifted their lives, how it allowed for expansion of their businesses, and how it helped their families...

The United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) reported that Belize’s exports of Digitally Deliverable Services were 332 million dollars in 2021, and it has consistently increased so that, according to UNCTAD, in 2024, **Belize delivered digital services upwards of \$450 million dollars.** Today, there are approximately 30 BPOs in the country, and of these, 17 are in the Government’s incentive program, Designated Processing Areas (DPA), which reported paying BZ\$147 million in wages in 2024... Workers in the BPO sector earn an average salary of \$9.00 per hour, which is 80% above the minimum wage, and are hired with a High School Diploma. Also, a significant number of these workers are working from home...

And I can describe so many other ways in which this budget strives to reduce the cost of living, to make doing business and caring for the family more efficient. So what I hear when I am out there and in touch with voters, is the joy from the hundreds of single moms who now own a starter home. What I see is the effect of 22,000 Belizeans, many of whom are women, who are working in the BPO sector. What we are most proud of are the record number of children who receive school assistance. Let me tell you something you may not know, the stamp duty amendment act of 2025 alone put \$20 million back into the hands of thousands of families who transferred property within the family unit, local companies and mortgages, increasing disposable income and making funds available to increase investments. And all of this is possible because of PUP ingenuity and the vision of #PlanBelize 2.0...

The knee-jerk reaction in some quarters is a call for the Government to remove all the taxes on fuel to keep the pump price from rising. Madam Speaker, this is easier said than done. We would, if we could, BUT WE CAN’T. The Excise Tax on Fuel is one of the key contributors to Government Recurrent Revenue. In the budget we are debating today, the Excise Tax is projected at \$245 million for FY2026-27. Of this amount, some \$200 million is from fuel. It is a Specific Tax (a fixed tax, not an ad valorem tax that rises with the increase in the CIF Price) The reduction of \$1.25 per gallon will translate to almost \$80 million on an annual basis. We hope and pray that the impact will not last for an entire year – but we simply don’t know at this point in time. It would be prudent to assume and plan for the worst. To put things in perspective, \$80 million is equal to just over TWO months of salaries, wages, pensions, and grants...

Madam Speaker, I will end where I started celebrating the women of our nation. I join with others in expressing joy in seeing some of our talented young women present from this very spot during their mock debate. I hear our young women’s call for greater representation. I believe the women present in this chamber, yourself included madam Speaker; The first woman to become a Leader of the Opposition in Belize. Our Senior Minister, the Member from Belize Rural Central, and the Minister of Human Development from Corozal Bay are all great examples of Belize Women in leadership. We on this side support all the women in this House and look forward to the day when more women are included.

Madam Speaker, I wish to thank everyone who participated in this debate. Despite the turbulence of this present time, we continue to be unshakably focused on planbelize2.0 and on the pledges overwhelmingly approved by the electorate on the 12th March 2025. We will continue in our efforts to accelerate Belize’s development. We will work to ensure that Belize becomes a nation whose citizens are safe, productive, proud, and yes, happy.

Finally, I want to wish all Belizeans a blessed, safe, and happy Easter. With that, Madam Speaker, I commend this Bill to the House for second reading.

Thank you.

“Disability” or Inability?
“It is difficult to understand how you can speak for two hours and not say anything”

She and her minions heralded and advertised it in advance as if it was going to be a tectonic, earth-shaking presentation, urging UDP supporters to tune in. But it was disappointing and uninspiring, to say the least. No boom, no bang; not even a tremor or a whimper.

The Leader of the Opposition in her pathetic rebuttal to the Prime Minister’s Budget Speech, spoke for two hours. But, as Education Minister Francis Fonseca aptly put it, the only memorable thing about her presentation was that it was very long. “It is difficult to understand how you can speak for two hours and not say anything,” Fonseca remarked.

In fairness to Tracy, there was perhaps one other somewhat notable thing about her presentation, and it’s the fact that she somehow mustered the courage to at least thank the Prime Minister and his administration for providing significant assistance to her constituency office to assist the people of the Albert Division (including, we presume, the 83 persons who allegedly reside in her office at 56 Regent Street).

Besides the \$120,000 in constituency development funds she receives annually, additional help includes \$5,000 monthly for grocery bags, life-saving patient care assistance upon request, and education grants for students. Such generous assistance, bear in mind, was never afforded to Opposition-led constituencies when the UDP was the ruling party in Government.

Notwithstanding, Tracy and her other Opposition members in the House would still vote against the very budget which allocates recurrent expenditure to continue extending the generosity and compassion in their own constituencies for the upcoming fiscal year.

Other than the grudging acknowledgement in this regard, Tracy’s presentation was (as the Prime Minister would later describe it in his brilliant wrap up to the budget debate) two hours of aimless rambling by the LOO.

She utterly failed to address, with any method or substance, the budget itself, the figures and allocations in it, or what it proposes to achieve. As Minister Fonseca further characterized her presentation, “*Not one concrete recommendation, not one concrete policy idea for how anything can be done better. No ideas, no solutions; a presentation grounded in a lack of hope and a lack of confidence in the Belizean People!*”

So, there you had it. As a well-known former UDP Chairman asked in a Facebook post, “*Is this crap really what you invited UDP supporters to tune in for?*”

One final note. So disappointed Tracy appeared to be in her own uninspiring presentation (half of which she delivered standing, the other half sitting), she made one impromptu, desperate, last-ditch attempt to start a quarrel with the Prime Minister over some alleged “disability”.

Well, for the record, the Leader of the Opposition does not suffer from any known disability, and if she did, we would certainly empathize with her. What she instead suffers from is a glaring ‘inability’. An inability to comprehend; an inability to analyze; an inability to make any meaningful contribution to an exercise as important as the National Budget Debate.

GOB Introduces Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill in the National Assembly
Belmopan, March 23, 2026.

GOB Introduces Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill in the National Assembly Belmopan, March 23, 2026.

The Government of Belize today introduced the Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill, 2026, in the National Assembly. The proposed legislation represents an important step toward strengthening protections for victims of domestic violence and modernizing Belize’s national response.

The Bill seeks to address gaps identified in the current Domestic Violence Act and expand protections for individuals experiencing abuse. It broadens the definition of relationships covered under the law to include dating, visiting, former, and non-cohabiting relationships, ensuring that more victims can access legal protection.

The proposed legislation also expands the types of abuse recognized in law, including psychological, emotional, economic, and technology-facilitated abuse. These provisions reflect the evolving nature of domestic violence and support earlier intervention.

In addition, the Bill strengthens access to protection orders through improved procedures, including expedited hearings and more flexible application processes. It also establishes clearer responsibilities for law enforcement, enhances accountability, and introduces stronger penalties for repeated breaches.

The legislation further promotes a more coordinated response by strengthening collaboration among agencies and improving referral pathways for counseling, legal, and social support services. These measures are intended to improve victim safety and access to support.

Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramires, Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, noted that the introduction of the Bill during Women’s Month reflects the Government’s continued commitment to advancing

protections for women and families. The introduction of the Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill forms part of the Government’s broader efforts during Women’s Month to promote gender equality, prevent violence, and strengthen support systems for women, children, and families across Belize. (release)

“ I rise to introduce a Bill for an Act to recognise the right of all persons to live free of domestic violence and intimate partner violence; to expand the powers of the court to make orders to support survivors; to increase accessibility to justice services.



Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez
Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs



WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

NEXT WEEK: Adoption & Specialized Services
Helping Children Find Stability, Support, and Belonging

Every child deserves a safe and loving place to call home.

Next week on What We Do Wednesday, the Department of Human Services continues highlighting the work of the Child Placement & Specialized Services Unit (CPSS) with a focus on Adoption and Specialized Services.

Through adoption services, children in the care and custody of the Department are matched with families who can provide permanent homes, stability, and long-term support. Adoption offers children the opportunity to grow in safe, nurturing environments where they can thrive and feel a true sense of belonging.

- The unit also provides a range of specialized services including:
- Independent Living Planning Support for older youth
 - ✓ Custody and court-request investigations
 - ✓ International case work support
 - ✓ Identification document assistance
 - ✓ Adoption case management

These services work together to ensure children and young persons receive the guidance and support needed for a stable future.

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Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender

Launch Blue Teddy Bear Campaign

“Break the Silence” on Violence and Sexual Abuse Against Children



March 20 - The National Commission for Families and Children (NCFC), in partnership with UNICEF Belize and the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs (MHDFSGA), officially launched the Blue Teddy Bear Campaign today at The HUB in Belize City. The campaign aims to “Break the Silence” on violence and sexual abuse against children by equipping communities, schools, families, and private sector partners to take informed, meaningful action to protect Belize’s children.

The Blue Teddy Bear Campaign responds to a growing concern: violence and sexual abuse against children have become far too common in Belize. While many public awareness efforts have taken place over the years, this campaign intentionally moves beyond awareness to action. The campaign calls for a national shift urging individuals and institutions to become better informed, better equipped, and more proactive in recognizing, preventing, and reporting child abuse. It seeks to mobilize community-based organizations (CBOs), schools, parents, private sector groups, and children themselves as champions for child protection.

At the center of the initiative is the Blue Teddy Bear with a band-aid which serves as a symbol of comfort, healing, and protection for children. The campaign will be implemented in Southside Belize City, one of the areas most affected by vulnerability, exposure to violence, and limited access to services. The Blue Teddy Bear Campaign is expected to engage over 800 people across community groups, companies, schools, and families.

Key anticipated results include:

- Increased public reporting of suspected child abuse
- Strengthened skills to identify violations
- Greater awareness of referral pathways and support services
- Improved community advocacy for children
- Strengthened national child protection systems

The launch brought together government officials, civil society representatives, educators, students, and child advocates in a unified call to strengthen Belize’s response to violence against children.



As the National Commission for Families and Children, we are proud to lead this initiative in close collaboration with UNICEF and the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, whose leadership continues to shape and strengthen the country’s child protection framework. This campaign goes beyond awareness. We call for shared responsibility in safeguarding children by breaking the silence, challenging harmful norms, and promoting early reporting and intervention.

Acting Representative for UNICEF Belize, Sajid Ali, lauded the campaign as a testament to partnerships for the cause of children and he quotes: “The Blue Teddy Bear Campaign reflects what is possible when government, communities, and partners come together with one shared purpose: protecting Belize’s children. UNICEF is proud to work along-

side NCFC and the Ministry of Human Development to build safer communities and to empower every child, parent, and teacher with the knowledge and support they need. Together, we can turn collective responsibility into collective action.”

NCFC, MHDFSGA and UNICEF Belize are calling on all Belizeans to join the movement and help create a safer Belize for every child. By becoming a Blue Teddy Bear Champion, individuals and institutions can play a vital role in preventing violence, supporting survivors, and ensuring that every child grows up in safety, dignity, and love.



Girls Empowerment Seminar 2026

“Strong Girls Today, Empowered Women in the Future.”



The Belmopan City Council was proud to host the Girls Empowerment Seminar 2026 at the Belmopan Civic Center under the theme: “Strong Girls Today, Empowered Women in the Future.”

Special thanks to MC Emily Martinez and all our presenters and contributors who helped make the event meaningful and inspiring, including Mrs. Doreth Elijo, Councilor Florita Botes - Portfolio for Women Empowerment, Ms. Mariellie Block, Mrs. Tanya Santos Neal, Dr. Anel Martinez, Deanni Janae, Ms. Conti West, and Ms. Shannia Pech.

We also acknowledge the presence of Deputy Mayor Christopher Enriquez and Councilor Lawrence Tush as we continue empowering our future leaders and Move Belmopan Forward! (post)



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Benque Viejo Town Council "Balance the Scales" Awards of Recognition



Hon. Thea Ramirez and the Benque Viejo Town Council celebrated ten women from Benque Viejo Town who were presented with awards of recognition for their outstanding contributions to the development of the people of Belize and Benque Viejo. Many of the honorees are entrepreneurs, advocates, retired teachers and women in leadership roles.

The women awarded were for different categories:

- Excelencia Académica y Orgullo Comunitario - Mrs. Anita Zetina;
- Trayectoria Política - Dra. Lesbia Guerra Cocom;
- Guardiana de la Salud - Nurse Rosita Manzanero;
- Mujer Empoderadora de Mujeres - Mrs. Avelin Martínez Barillas;
- Mujer Emprendedora - Mrs. Karen Guzman Chan;
- Mujer Resiliencia - Mrs. Dalia Arredondo;



Mujer Impacto a la Educación - Mrs. Anamelita Castellanos
Mujer Devocional - Mrs. Jean Santos

Mujer Bondad y Benefactora Comunitaria - Mrs. Wilma Vanegas Mahmood

Mujer Deporte - Mrs. Esperanza Méndez

También el concilio de Benque reconoce a <<Joven Mujer Promesa>>

Vivian P. Espot, Camila I. Melendez, Emelly Sosa, Sohany B. Cano

Mayor Rosalez thanks the special invited guest Min. Thea Garcia Ramirez, Area Representative-Corozal Bay.

In line with this year's Women's Month theme, "Balance the Scales," which focuses on justice, equality, and safety for women and girls, the Benque Viejo Town Council congratulates these remarkable women and wishes all women a Happy Women's Month.

Corozal Bay Marshalls and Team Endorsed

Congratulations to the Corozal Bay Marshalls President Mr. Amelio Lizarraga Cal, Sr. JP and the entire team.

The Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez asks, "our Corozal Bay Community to support our President in the works ahead for our beautiful Corozal Bay."



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Duty & Tax Free Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Duty & Tax Free Ltd.**" located at Philip Goldson Int'l Airport, (Arrival 2) Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Elena Armstrong** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**D'Liz Restaurant**" located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

NOTICE Request for Prequalification (RFPQ)

Utility-Scale Solar PV Projects in Belize (80 MW)

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), invites qualified private-sector developers to participate in a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for landmark utility-scale solar PV projects in Belize.

To deliver this initiative, the GoB has engaged the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, acting through its Advisory Services division, as lead transaction advisor. The Project is being structured under the globally recognized Scaling Solar initiative, which promotes an open, competitive, and transparent procurement process to accelerate the deployment of privately owned utility-scale solar projects.

Procurement Process

The RFPQ represents the first stage of a competitive bidding process. Its purpose is to prequalify developers with the technical experience, financial capacity, and delivery capability required to implement large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. Only prequalified bidders will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.



Project Overview

Total Capacity:
Up to 80 MW of grid-connected utility-scale solar PV

Sites:
3 to 4 locations across Belize

Commercial Structure:
Independent Power Producer (IPP) model

Role of the Private Sector:
Design, finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain the solar PV facilities

Objectives of the Project

This strategic investment is a cornerstone of Belize's energy transition and is intended to:



Increase renewable energy generation to support Belize's target of 75% renewable electricity by 2030



Reduce foreign exchange outflows associated with electricity imports



Strengthen national energy security and system reliability

Access to RFPQ

The full RFQ document, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and timelines, is available at:

www.bel.com.bz/Tenders

Belize is open for clean energy investment. Qualified developers are encouraged to participate in this transformative project that will shape the country's sustainable energy future.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET DEBATE 2026-2027

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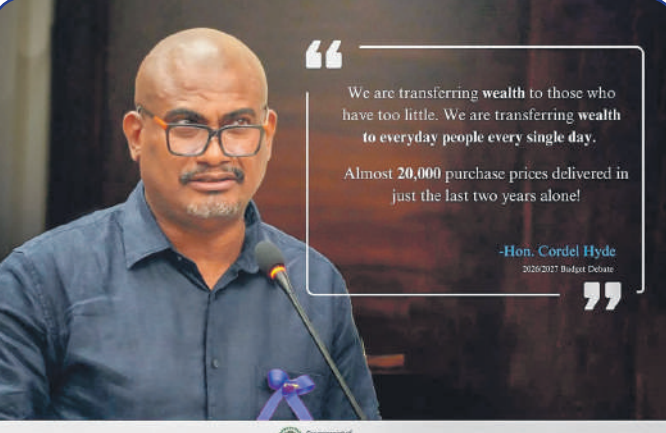
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BUDGET PRESENTATION 2026/2027

"Public officers, teachers, and security personnel will benefit from another 4 percent in salary increases, valued at 28.5 million dollars on an annual basis."



"We are transferring wealth to those who have too little. We are transferring wealth to everyday people every single day. Almost 20,000 purchase prices delivered in just the last two years alone!"

Hon. Cordell Hyde
2026 Budget Debate



Ministry of Blue Economy & Marine Conservation

BUDGET DEBATE 2026/2027

"We are constructing a state-of-the-art hospital in San Pedro. This \$30 million investment, designed to serve the people of Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker."

HON. ANDRE PEREZ
AREA REPRESENTATIVE, BELIZE RURAL SOUTH
MINISTER OF BLUE ECONOMY & MARINE CONSERVATION

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NATIONAL BUDGET DEBATE 2026/27

HON. HENRY CHARLES USHER
Minister of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management

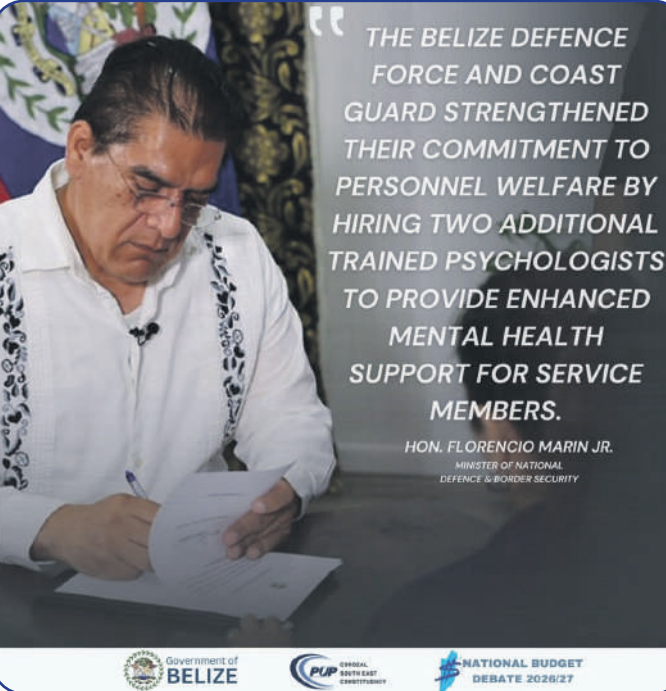
"New allowances, additional recruits, capacity building, and over 3 million BZ dollars in equipment are strengthening the Belize National Fire Service."

"Investing in People, Building Resilience."



"the contribution of agriculture to the economy of Belize has expanded from \$560.8 million in 2020 to \$889.7 million in 2025..."

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson
2026 Budget Debate



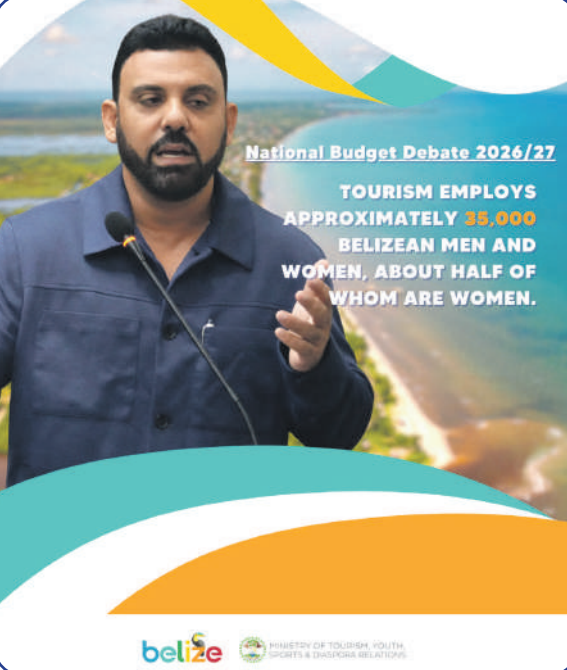
THE BELIZE DEFENCE FORCE AND COAST GUARD STRENGTHENED THEIR COMMITMENT TO PERSONNEL WELFARE BY HIRING TWO ADDITIONAL TRAINED PSYCHOLOGISTS TO PROVIDE ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR SERVICE MEMBERS.

HON. FLORENCIO MARIN JR.
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE & BORDER SECURITY



Development must be felt in the lives of our people. Development must be experienced in dignity, safety and opportunity.

Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez
Minister of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs,
National Budget Debate 2026



National Budget Debate 2026/27

TOURISM EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 35,000 BELIZEAN MEN AND WOMEN, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM ARE WOMEN.



"The Ministry of Agriculture is committed to creating opportunities which make contributions to our economy..."

Hon. Luis Alex Belong
2026 Budget Debate

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE

Primary Healthcare

Diagnostic Services

Maternal & Child Health

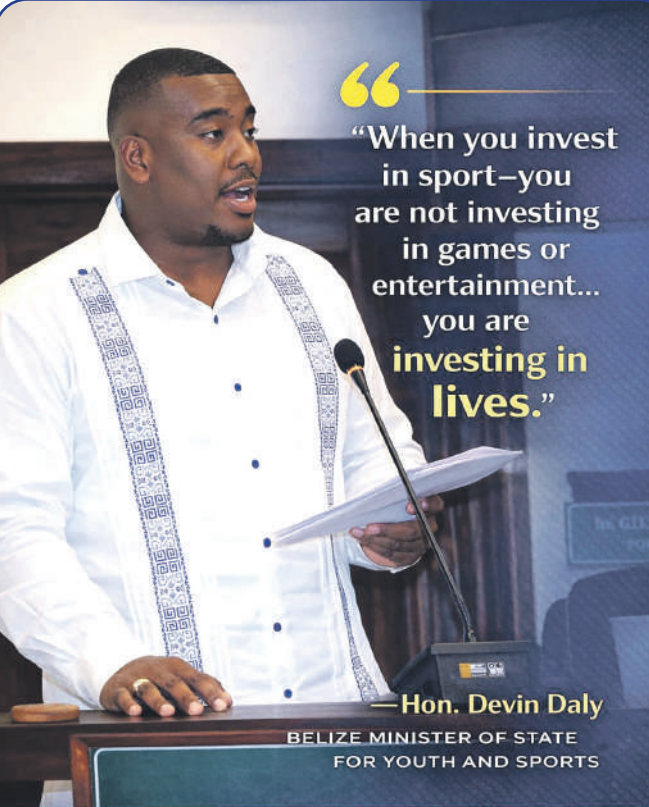
Chronic Disease Management

Essential Medications



Hon. Kevin Bernard
Minister of Health & Wellness
Budget Debate 2026

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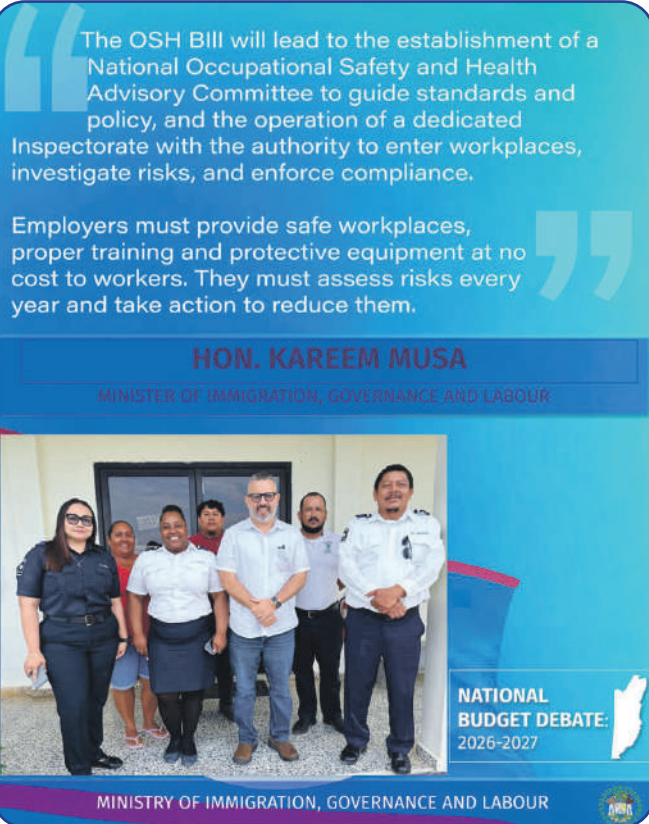


"When you invest in sport—you are not investing in games or entertainment... you are investing in lives."

Hon. Devin Daly
BELIZE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

BELIZE



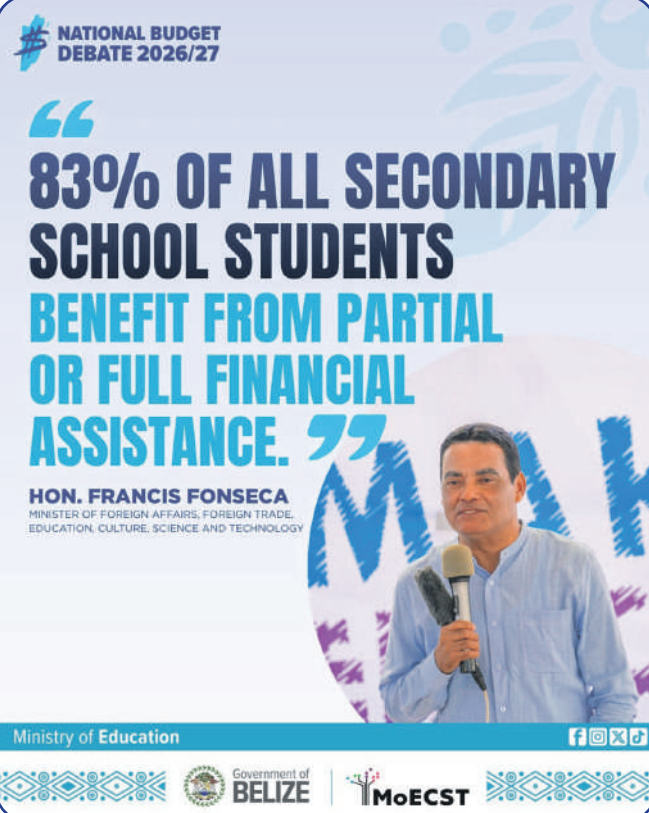
The OSH Bill will lead to the establishment of a National Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee to guide standards and policy, and the operation of a dedicated Inspectorate with the authority to enter workplaces, investigate risks, and enforce compliance.

HON. KAREEM MUSA
MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, GOVERNANCE AND LABOUR

Employers must provide safe workplaces, proper training and protective equipment at no cost to workers. They must assess risks every year and take action to reduce them.

NATIONAL BUDGET DEBATE 2026-2027

MINISTRY OF IMMIGRATION, GOVERNANCE AND LABOUR



NATIONAL BUDGET DEBATE 2026/27

"83% OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM PARTIAL OR FULL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE."

HON. FRANCIS FONSECA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE, EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

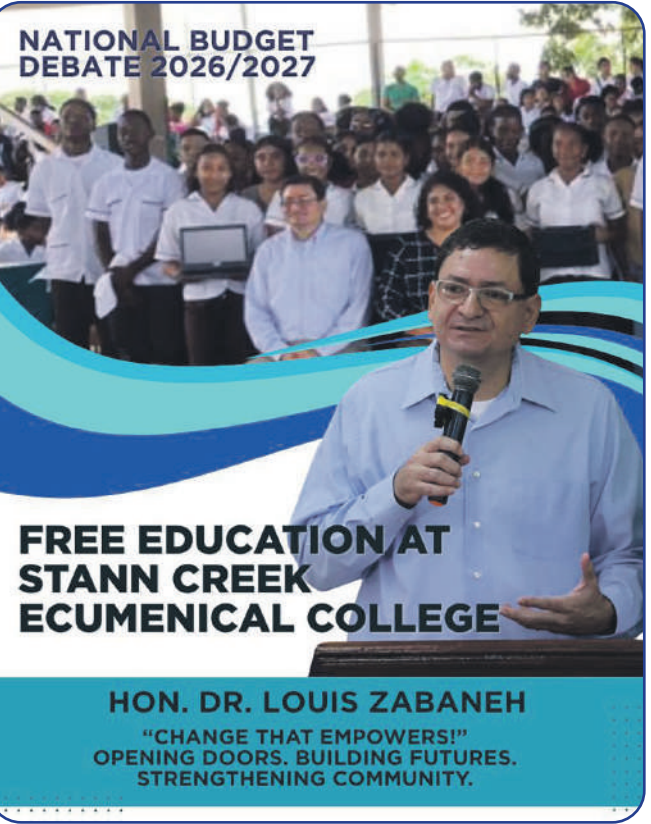
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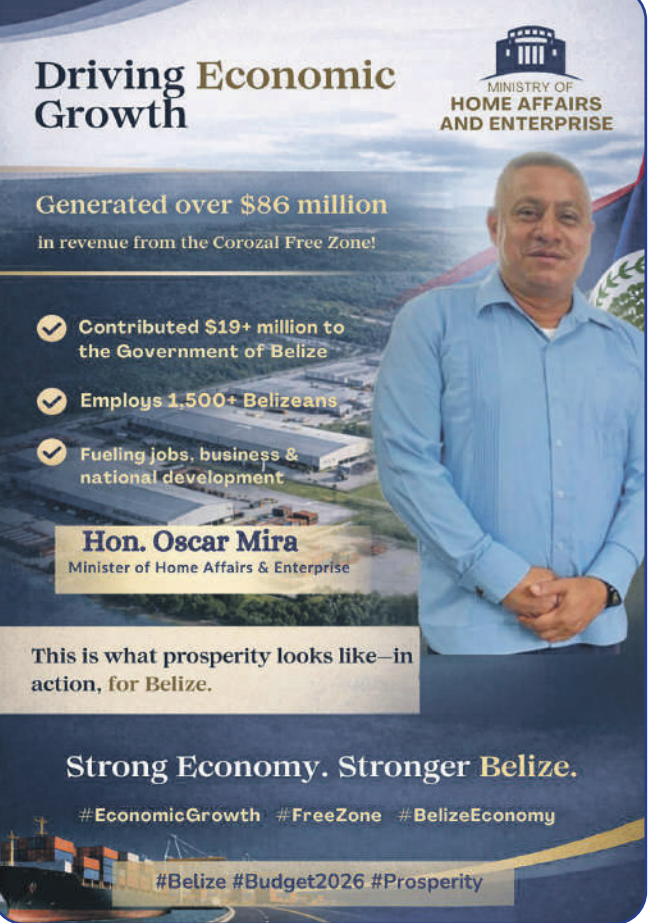
Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez
Minister of State: Ministry of Economic Transformation



NATIONAL BUDGET DEBATE 2026/2027

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Hon. Oscar Mira
Minister of Home Affairs & Enterprise

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#Belize #Budget2026 #Prosperity



NATIONAL BUDGET DEBATE 2026/27

"For the upcoming fiscal year, BWSL is preparing a major national investment programme valued at approximately BZ\$35 MILLION."

Hon. Michel Chebat
Minister of Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics

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**Hon. Henry Charles Usher, CEO
Rolando Zetina, the Directors
and Staff of the Ministry of
Public Service and Disaster Risk
Management wish all Belizeans a
safe and happy Easter.**

**May this season renew faith as
we celebrate the resurrection of
Jesus Christ!**

Happy
Easter



HAPPY EASTER

Easter Opening Hrs
THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

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VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN
**BWS DONATES TO STELLA
MARIS SCHOOL
PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY AND SENSORY ROOM**



By Hilly Bennett

On Wednesday, March 25, 2026, sans the frenetic media fanfare, Hon Francis Fonseca, Minister of Education joined Cornelio Acosta, the Executive Chairman of Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST) and BWS.

Each year, in the spirit of giving back to the community, BWS donates to projects selected by the Board of Directors at BWS. Chairman Acosta announced that this year BWS has decided on the noble initiative of providing Stella Maris with a dedicated Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Sensory Room at Stella Maris Special Education and Life Skills Learning Centre. The contribution is approximately BZD 100,000, which will be invested towards the development and ongoing renovation of the institution. The project commenced in January 2026 at a cost of \$3 million, an investment which Hon Fonseca considers "a fantastic opportunity for us to meaningfully invest in the upliftment of these young people for us." It is also about ensuring that the individual has an opportunity to lead meaningful, productive, dignified lives equipped with the life skills they need in order not to become a burden on society.

According to the Ministry, it is expected that the new space will be ready for use when the students return to the fully refurbished Stella Maris School. It was on Friday, December 5, 2025, when the ceremonial groundbreaking for the unveiling of the concept design for the rehabilitation project for the Stella

Maris Primary School occurred. At the time Minister Fonseca noted the inadequacies that had plagued the institution, ranging from accessibility to substandard conditions for persons with disabilities. The contribution by BWS will certainly add another dimension to the upgrade of the school and was considered in the initial phase of the project. The information regarding what equipment the project needed was provided by the Ministry and Acosta said BWS will be responsible for the installation, the painting of the room and equipping of the AC units. Considering that it is a company initiative. Notwithstanding that the investment was initially approximated at fifty thousand dollars with the inclusion of the equipment, a fully equipped physical therapy room, and a fully air-conditioned area with a water fountain, the cost increased close to a hundred thousand dollars. However, Acosta remarked that "It is a way that we give back." And "So it has us feeling good, especially, given our 25th Anniversary and being part of something that is huge such as the renovation of Stella Maris." CEO Dian Maheia added, "So when the new campus is ready, the target is August 2026, it will open with a brand new Physical and Occupational Therapy Room."

It is projected that enrollment will reach over a hundred and fifty students when the rehabilitation project is finished and the donation from BWS is greatly anticipated to serve a noble purpose. MoECST posted on the Ministry's FB page that partnerships like these are helping to create inclusive, supportive learning environments where every child thrives.

For BWS the project from concept to design adds a new meaning to their slogan "Delivering Water and More".

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S MONTH COROZAL 5K

AGE GROUPS
U15
U20
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1. Parcel No. 164 Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Yo Creek Village	4	164
The freehold property of Mr. Cesar Jovel and Ms. Lilia Luna.		

2. Parcel No. 49 corner of Balam and Donicio Street, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District:

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San Jose Palmar	4	49
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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

23 MARCH, 2026

Together Through Weather: Building a Safer and Stronger Belize!

*With sincere appreciation to the National Meteorological Service of Belize for their continued dedication and service.
A message from the Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management.*

Port of Belize

Expansion & Modernization Project

A Brief Overview

Belize City is looking to modernize and was with any development there is always opposition. It is healthy to have consultation and different points of views as this helps any project move forward. But when the obvious arises that any party will oppose just because of political expediency or because it is not them, then the stifling of Belize's progress is undermined.

The following are bulleted points on the benefits of a Port of Belize Cruise docking facility.

- Shoreside berthing: Two modern cruise piers able to berth up to four of the industry's largest vessels simultaneously (Icon-class capability).
- Passenger throughput: Designed to support up to 2 to 2.5 million passengers per year at full build-out, reversing systematic declines tied to offshore tendering.
- Improved guest experience: Faster, more reliable shoreside turnaround, dedicated passenger processing, shaded plazas, retail/commercial areas, and clearly planned ground transport logistics, resulting in increased time onshore and higher excursion participation.
- Operational certainty for cruise lines: Direct berthing reduces tendering variability and schedule risk, making Belize as a destination more competitive on itineraries.
- More revenues for the country of Belize and job security and longevity for the organizations, entities and individuals who depend on the cruise industry for their livelihoods.
- More visitors experience more of the country by now having the time to go further afield, hence increasing the appetite for longer staying and future visitations

Co-location with cargo modernization (strategic benefits)

- We are seriously upgrading an already existing facility: Cruise and cargo upgrades occur within existing port footprint thereby avoiding new coastal development
- Resilience of tourism flows: Improved port reliability and passenger services reduce sensitivity to environmental disruptions and support consistent cruise calls year-round.
- Local economic linkages: Greater passenger spending given longer and further excursions, impact new areas and more citizens with the benefits of cruise tourism

Visitor logistics & ground transportation

- Cruise tourism village: Immediate arrivals and passenger processing, shall feature Belizean themed welcome areas, craft stalls that are inclusive of local participation, and cultural performance spaces. Consolidated transport, parking, tour-bus staging, and marina services optimize the flow of tour operators, vendors, artisans, and cultural guides thus reducing congestion and improving guest flows while showcasing authentic Belizean culture and maximizing local participation and economic benefit.
- New and fit for purpose on shore logistics: Dedicated road from the POB to the George Price Highway inclusive of a roundabout interconnection to the highway serves to streamline excursions and transfers.

Environmental stewardship and community safeguards

- Mangrove reserve creation: The project proposes beneficial reuse of dredged material to construct an engineered mangrove ecosystem thereby providing habitat diversification and coastal buffering.
- Project Unit to work with the University of Belize, other thematic experts and organizations, as well as the Port Loyola community to develop and manage a Mangrove

Reserve for the long term

- The ESIA provides: A detailed mitigation, monitoring, and adaptive management plan for dredging turbidity, water quality monitoring, habitat protection, noise & dust control, waste management, spill prevention, and stakeholder grievance mechanisms.
- During the nearshore works: Project ensures real time water quality monitoring with predefined trigger actions to limit ecological impact.
- Social safeguards: No physical displacement is necessary. The road to the GP Highway is 100% on port owned land. There shall be measures to manage construction nuisance, small boat transit safety, and proactive community engagement.

Economic and employment outcomes

- Tourism competitiveness: Shoreside berthing and improved visitor experience expected to attract larger ships and more calls, thereby increasing tourism revenue potential for the country and national operators.
- Jobs and skills: Construction phase as well as long term operational employment, opportunities for local tour operators, transport providers, retail and hospitality sectors are a critical delivery of the project.



THE PORT OF BELIZE

The US450 million dollar upgrading of the Port of Belize at Port Loyola in Belize City persists as a high priority project, critical for trade and for tourism.

Hon. John Briceño
Prime Minister of Belize



“Healthcare should **never** depend on the size of a **person's wallet.**”



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Hon. Kevin Bernard
Minister of Health & Wellness
Budget Debate 2026

BELIZE, GUATEMALA, AND MEXICO SIGN MOU TO PROTECT THE GREATER MAYA FOREST

‘Building on the 2025 Calakmul Declaration’

March 24, 2026 - The Governments of Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico have signed a Trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the conservation and sustainable management of the Greater Maya Forest, one of the largest and most significant tropical forest systems in the Americas.

Building on the Calakmul Declaration signed on August 15, 2025, this agreement formalizes coordinated actions under the

Belize Hosts Trinational Workshop Strengthen Conservation of the Greater Maya Forest

March 23rd, 2026 - The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, under the auspices of the Belize Forest Department, in collaboration with regional partners, is proud to host the Trinational Workshop of the Council of Protected Area Authorities under the Greater Maya Forest Biocultural Corridor. The workshop, which commenced yesterday, is being held from March 22–28, 2026, with sessions taking place at Placencia Village, Stann Creek District.

This important gathering brings together representatives from Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico, including key institutions such as Belize’s Forest Department, Guatemala’s Consejo Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (CONAP), and Mexico’s Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP). The workshop was held within the framework of the trinational commitment established under the Declaration of the Greater Maya Forest Biocultural Corridor, aiming to strengthen regional cooperation for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development across the three countries.

Over the course of the week, participants worked collaboratively to:

- Develop and finalize a trinational governance structure to guide the Council
- Identify priority conservation areas at national, binational, and trinational levels
- Advance the development of a Trinational Action Plan
- Exchange experiences and best practices in protected areas management

The agenda also included a field visit to two biodiverse landscapes in Belize, the Mountain Pine Ridge and the Chiquibul Forest Reserves, allowing participants to engage directly with Belize’s protected areas and management approaches.

This workshop underscores the continued commitment of the three countries to safeguard the Greater Maya Forest, one of the largest remaining tropical forest systems in Mesoamerica, recognized for its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.

The Belize Forest Department extends its appreciation to all participating agencies and partners, including international organizations supporting this effort, for their dedication to strengthening regional collaboration and ensuring the long-term conservation of this vital landscape. (release)

Greater Maya Forest Biocultural Corridor to protect biodiversity, maintain ecological connectivity and address shared environmental threats. For Belize, this marks a critical step in safeguarding national natural assets, strengthening climate resilience and reinforcing its role in regional environmental leadership.

The agreement brings together key national institutions, including Belize’s Forest Department under the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, Mexico’s Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), and Guatemala’s Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARN) in its role within the National Council of Protected Areas (CONAP).

Priority actions include strengthening the conservation and connectivity of protected areas, enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation, and scaling up joint efforts to combat forest fires, illegal logging, wildlife trafficking, and environmental pollution.

For the period 2026–2027, the countries will prioritize joint monitoring and enforcement, including coordinated protection of key species such as the jaguar and scarlet macaw, which are vital indicators of ecosystem health.



A central focus of the MoU is the direct benefit to local communities. The initiative promotes sustainable livelihoods through regenerative agriculture, community-based tourism, and renewable energy, ensuring that conservation efforts translate into tangible social and economic opportunities, particularly for forest-dependent and indigenous communities in Belize.

The MoU will remain in force for an initial five-year period, with an option for renewal. It reflects the shared commitment of Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico to long-term environmental stewardship and to work collaboratively in protecting biodiversity and ensuring the sustainable management of the Greater Maya Forest Biocultural Corridor.

The three countries also call on local stakeholders, civil society, and international partners to support and join this collective effort to expand conservation impact across the region. (release)

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Hon. Kevin Bernard
Minister of Health & Wellness
Budget Debate 2026

Placencia Polyclinic

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BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION HOSTS REGIONAL ACR-PCR AND FAARFIELD WORKSHOP COLLABORATION WITH FAA

MARCH 24, 2026 - The Belize Department of Civil Aviation, in collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is hosting a three-day Aircraft Classification Rating – Pavement Classification Rating (ACR-PCR) System and FAARFIELD Workshop aimed at enhancing aviation safety and infrastructure standards across the region.

The primary objective of this workshop is to strengthen the capacity of participating States in implementing the ACR-PCR methodology, in alignment with the latest requirements set forth by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). This methodology is critical for accurately reporting pavement strength and ensuring safe aircraft operations.

Participants will benefit from a hands-on training approach utilizing FAA software methodologies and stan-



dards. FAA experts will lead practical sessions, including demonstrations of the FAARFIELD 2.0 software using real-world scenarios, and provide detailed guidance on Pavement Classification Rating (PCR) reporting requirements.

In addition, aviation engineers will deliver presentations on key concepts in airfield pavement design and operational maintenance. These sessions will reference the latest FAA advisory circulars, offering participants current best practices and technical insights.

The workshop brings together aviation professionals and engineers from Belize and various Central American and Caribbean countries, fostering regional collaboration and knowledge-sharing. This initiative underscores a collective commitment to strengthening aviation safety, improving infrastructure resilience, and ensuring compliance with international standards.

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation remains dedicated to advancing the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of the aviation sector both nationally and regionally. (release)

Belize – Guatemala – El Salvador AGRIC GOODS & PRODUCTS IN TRANSIT

March 20, 2026 - Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, accompanied by Mr. Francisco Gutierrez, Technical Director of Plant Health for the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, and Mr. Fermin Blanco, OIRSA Representative in Belize, have held discussions with their Guatemalan counterparts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, to discuss Belizean products passing through Guatemala in transit to El Salvador, in connection with the partial scope agreement to be signed between Belize and El Salvador.

Discussions during the meeting focused on the transportation of sealed containers of agricultural goods and products to El Salvador through Guatemala, in anticipation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be signed by the end of April between the Ministry of Agriculture of Belize and the Government of El Salvador, through its Ambassador in Belize, with regard to the products that will be destined for El Salvador.

Discussions were cordial and have prepared the way for the eventual transit of goods through Guatemala. The discussions follow intense lobbying through the Ministry of Agriculture for additional markets abroad for Belizean products. El Salvador is one of Belize's neighbouring countries that imports much of their food products, and discussions on markets for Belizean food products in El Salvador have been very productive so far. (release)

The efforts to fully sign the partial scope agreement with El Salvador continues from the work done by former Minister Jose Mai to Minister Ferguson who is making sure that Belize benefits from this regional initiative.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Port of Belize Limited Shareholders are hereby advised to update their personal information:

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- An active email address
- Active phone number
- Home address
- **Belizean Shareholder must provide:**
 - Copy of a valid Social Security Card
- **Foreign Shareholder:**
 - Must provide a copy of a valid passport

Deadline for submission:
April 17, 2026

Documents may be delivered to the Port of Belize Limited during regular working hours, or emailed to Corporate Secretary

Email: corporatesecretary@portofbelize.com

501-223-2439 or 501- 280-2439
Port of Belize Limited
Caesar Ridge Road
Belize City, Belize

March 17, 2026

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY 2026

"Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow."

Belize joined the rest of the world in celebrating World Meteorological Day 2026 on March 23, 2026, under the theme "Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow." This day commemorates the establishment of the Convention that gave birth to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950. This year's theme highlights the connection between current monitoring—such as satellite images, ocean buoys, and radar—and future disaster resilience.

All weather forecasts that are generated across the world, and are displayed on various platforms such as mobile apps, websites, social media pages, and television broadcasts, require a complex and diverse set of weather observations for them to be accurate and reliable. These weather observations, which are coordinated by the WMO through different National Meteorological Services across the globe, are fed into complex computer models with the ultimate products being the weather forecasts that are essential in early warning and in building climate resilience.

The National Meteorological Service (NMS) of Belize continues to contribute to the Global Basic Observing Network (GBON) by transmitting routine weather observations from its network of weather stations. In 2025, the department launched the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) Project. Through this project, the NMS will work with SOFF to strengthen its infrastructure, processes, and capacity, meeting GBON standards to ensure accuracy, reliability, and availability of data.

In celebrating World Meteorological Day 2026, the NMS will be hosting an open day fair at the Mae Gordon Park in the City of Belmopan from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This fair will not only feature booths from the NMS displaying various weather equipment and products but will also feature booths from other partner agencies and government departments. (release)

The world is not only globally connected by Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and other Social Media but it is also connected by the data collected and shared of the weather in our area. Taking action to address the critical challenges brought about by changes in global climate begin at reporting on GPS points. Belize sends out climate/weather reports on as many of these as technologically, financially



and logistically possible. The fact that Belize has much to lose in sea level rising we depend on world action and we can only do our small part. Days like WMD brings the reality of our climate watch to the fore.

The Met service organized a WMD STUDENT WEATHER BROADCAST CONTEST followed the Theme: *"Be a Weather Reporter!"* All Cash Prizes Donated by: RF&G

Results: High School Winners
1st: Alliyana Franklin, Mia Pollard,

Lana Klymenko, Amanda Reyes - St. Catherine Academy | 2nd: Zakiyah Castillo(Miss Winter Gala) - St. Catherine Academy | 3rd: Azzariah Martinez - Pallotti high School

Primary School Winners
1st: Diego and Samara Lopez - Mount Carmel Primary School | 2nd: Carson Chee - Belize Elementary School | 3rd: Thalia Matthews - Holy Redeemer Primary School | Special Mention: Dimetri Staine - Holy Redeemer Primary School



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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Asked to Report Unlicensed or Unregistered Financial Activity

Belize City, 25 March 2026: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) reminds the public that, in accordance with the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, International Banking Act, Credit Unions Act, Moneylenders Act, and National Payment System Act, persons are prohibited from carrying out certain financial activities without the requisite license or registration.

The public is reminded that it is illegal for an unlicensed or unregistered bank, credit union, moneylender (including pawnbroker), payment service provider (such as remittance service provider or E-wallet provider), or payment system operator to conduct or engage in financial transactions in or from within Belize.

Any person who conducts any of the above-listed services without holding a valid license or registration from the Central Bank commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to penalties under the relevant law.

The Central Bank, as industry regulator, remains committed to effective oversight of the financial system in service to the Belizean public and business community. If a member of the public encounters any such unlicensed or unregistered activities or operations, please make a report to:

Central Bank of Belize
Telephone: (501-223-6164)
Email: communications@centralbank.org.bz
or

The Belize Police Department - Major Crimes Unit
Telephone: (501) 822-2222
Email: hncib@yahoo.com

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Collaboration Between Minister - Private Entity Children in State Care Benefit

March 26, 2026 - The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs is pleased to announce a generous contribution of over \$15,000 in modern gaming equipment, made possible through the Minister in collaboration with Top Gadgets. The donation will support the Department of Human Services' newly introduced Rewards Gaming Programme for children and adolescents residing in government-operated residential care facilities.

This initiative will benefit residents at three government childcare facilities: Coral Grove Residential Care Facility, Mile 14 Residential Care Facility, and the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Centre (DMCCC). The gaming systems will form part of a structured rewards programme designed to encourage positive behaviour, participation in daily responsibilities, academic engagement, and overall personal development among wards of the state.

Through this contribution, the facilities will receive:

- Four (4) PlayStation 5 consoles
- Four (4) 50-inch televisions

Corozal Free Zone Issues Clarification on Recent Public Comments

March 24, 2026 - The Corozal Free Zone Management issues this statement to clarify recent public comments made by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Tracey Panton, during an interview on News 5 on March 24, 2026.

We appreciate the interest expressed and wish to reaffirm, for the public record, that the Corozal Free Zone is operating normally and without any interruptions. All visitors continue to shop freely, and all goods are being processed and returned without difficulty. All essential services within the Zone remain fully functional.

The Corozal Free Zone is a vital economic pillar, directly supporting more than 1,500 Belizean families and indirectly benefiting another 1,500 families. These jobs play a critical role in sustaining economic stability in the northern region and contribute meaningfully to Belize's overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

We emphasize that the livelihoods of those who depend on the Corozal Free Zone must remain above political dispute. The Zone's operations are rooted in service to the public, economic progress, and national development, not political division.

We also clarify that the recent situation at the Northern Border was unrelated to the operations of the Corozal Free Zone. Our understanding is that the temporary matter affecting the Aduana and Customs Brokers on the Mexican side has since been resolved, and normal activities have resumed.

The Corozal Free Zone extends its best wishes to all Belizean importers, exporters, businesses, and visitors as they continue their operations. We remain committed to transparency, efficient service, and the uninterrupted functioning of this important commercial hub. (release)

- Games for each console
- Eighteen (18) gaming controllers
- Nine (9) charging ports for controllers

The Rewards Gaming Programme forms part of the Department's broader strategy to introduce contemporary recreational and engagement opportunities that resonate with young people in residential care. When structured and supervised, gaming can provide youth with positive outlets for stress relief, social interaction, teamwork, and cognitive development. (release)



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

SUPERVISOR, ACCOUNTS

The Central Bank invites applications from qualified individuals to join its Accounts and Budget Department.

The Supervisor, Accounts, is responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of the Accounts Unit. The incumbent ensures accurate, efficient, and timely processing of payments and accounting transactions while maintaining compliance with the Central Bank's policies, procedures, and accounting standards.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee the daily processing of cash, local and foreign payments to ensure accuracy, completeness, and timeliness.
- Authorize cash voucher payments and verify reconciliation and replenishment records for the Imprest Fund.
- Verify invoice payments to ensure proper approval, AML/CFT compliance, and adherence to establish procedures.
- Review and post accounting transactions in the Central Bank's accounting and Automated Payment and Securities Settlement System in accordance with accounting principles and internal policies.
- Prepare monthly journals entries for estimated expenses and accrued income.
- Maintain and verify registers for payments and accounting transactions; ensure proper filing of posting vouchers in accordance with Central Bank's records management policies and procedure.
- Verify reconciliations, progress reports, audit confirmations, and abandoned property transactions to support accuracy and integrity of accounts records.
- Prepare monthly estimates of the Central Bank's income and expenses.
- Assist in updating the accounting sections of the Department's Procedure Manual and Business Continuity Plan to reflect policy, procedural, and IFRS updates.
- Perform vault custodian responsibilities, overseeing the issuance, receipt, and inventory recording of local and foreign currency.
- Perform duties of a "B" signatory as authorized under the Central Bank's list of Authorized Signatories.
- Perform other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

The applicants should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business management or a related field from a recognized University. At least five (5) years' working experience in accounting, finance, auditing, business management, project management or other related fields in the business environment.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of accounting principles; Knowledge of Business and Management Principles; Excellent negotiations and organizational skills; Knowledge of strategic management approach; and Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Communication, Analytical Ability, Job knowledge, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving/Judgement, Quality of Output, Interpersonal Relations, Digital Ability, and Initiative

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 8 April 2026:**

- CBB Employment Application Form (Available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two (2) current references (Both must be professional references)
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P.O. Box 852 or Gabourel Lane
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Supervisor- Accounts and Budget Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
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Belize and the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico

Meet on Investment, Economic Cooperation and Coordination to strengthen ties



CITY OF BELMOPAN, Belize – March 26, 2026

High-level delegations representing the Government of Belize and the Mexican State of Quintana Roo met today in Belize City to reaffirm their commitment to regional cooperation and strategic partnership. The meeting focused on advancing shared priorities and to revise and update the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Belize and the Mexican State of Quintana Roo.

The discussions centered on several key pillars of the bilateral relationship, most notably investment promotion coordination to attract synchronized factories in Belize and Quintana Roo, integration of the Tren Maya infrastructure with Belizean transport networks and the Port of Belize Project.

Key Highlights of the meeting Include:

- 1) Updates on the Memorandum of Understanding between Belize and Quintana Roo;
- 2) Development of synchronized factories and an investment promotion strategy to supply the CARICOM market;
- 3) Development of logistics and secondary transformation industries between Quintana Roo and Belize;
- 4) Presentations on beach protection against erosion and best practices on the prevention of gender based violence in Quintana Roo;
- 5) Industrial opportunities in energy, agrobusiness and agro processing;
- 6) Belize Mexico Friendship Week; and

7) Best practices for mangrove reforestation.

The collaboration between the Government of Belize and the State of Quintana Roo will facilitate meaningful business collaboration between the private sectors of both parties, promising easier information-sharing and providing greater business opportunities within a short time. These opportunities will range from tourism and cultural exchange to agro-industry, education, customs services and many more important business-related activities that closely link Belize and Quintana Roo.

Present at today's meeting included Hon. Thea Ramirez-Garcia,

Minister of Human Development, Family Support, & Gender Affairs; Hon. Marconi Leal Jr., Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade; Mrs. Narda Garcia, Chief



Executive Officer, Office of the Prime Minister, Investment and Civil Aviation; Mrs. Adele Catzim Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Human Development, Family Support, & Gender Affairs; and His Excellency Oscar Arnold, Ambassador, Belize Embassy in Mexico.

The IDB, the Corozal Free Zone Management

Agency; the Ministry of Investment, Ministry of Blue Economy, Ministry of Tourism, Immigration Department, Government of Belize Press Office, Economic Development Council (EDC); BELTRAIDE and NICH were also present.

The delegation from Mexico included Ingeniero Artemio Santos Santos, Coordinador General de Asesores, Coordinacion General de Asesores del Despacho de la Gobernadora; Maestro Antonio Benitez Dominguez, Subsecretario de Desarrollo Economico, Secretaria de Desarrollo Economico; and Dr. Pedro Citlac Chargo Lousaunau, Asesor, Coordinacion General de Asesores del Despacho de la Gobernadora.

The meeting concluded with a site visit to the Port of Belize. Both delegations reiterated their dedication to ensuring that the benefits of regional growth are felt by the citizens of both Belize and Mexico. (release)



BLUE BOND AND FINANCE PERMANENCE UNIT OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: PROCUREMENT OFFICER (TRAINEE)

Duty Station: Belize City

The Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), established within the Office of the Prime Minister, leads the coordination and implementation of Belize's Blue Bond commitments. The Unit ensures that the Government of Belize fulfils its obligations under the Blue Loan Agreement (BLA) and Conservation Funding Agreement (CFA), in partnership with the Belize Blue Investment Company (BIC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Additionally, the BBFP is also charged with pursuing an innovative new financing model: Project for Finance Permanence (PfP) along with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to further assist Belize in meeting and sustaining their Nationally Determine Contributions (NDCs) and Conservation goals.

Position Overview

We are seeking a motivated and detail-oriented **Procurement Officer (Trainee)** to support and progressively lead procurement activities across BBFP programs. This is an entry-level professional role designed to build strong procurement expertise through training, mentoring, and hands-on experience.

Key Responsibilities

- Support and manage procurement planning and scheduling
- Prepare procurement documents (RFQs, RFPs, TORs, contracts)
- Coordinate and support evaluation and selection processes
- Monitor contracts, deliverables, and supplier performance
- Maintain procurement records and support audit compliance
- Assist with logistics, reporting, and administrative processes
- Participate in training and capacity-building programs

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Business, Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, or related field
- Minimum 2 years' experience in Administration, finance, procurement, or project support
- Strong skills in:
 - o Microsoft Office & document management
 - o Coordination, organization, and multitasking
 - o Clear report writing and communication

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **emailing: projectmanager.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz** with the subject line: **"Procurement Officer (Trainee) TOR."** The Full TOR is also available on the **Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.** Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the application and during the interview process.

Belize Government Lotteries Limited Warns Against Fraudulent Social Media Posts Offering "Winning Numbers" for BGLL Lottery Games

20 March, 2026 - The public is hereby advised that recent social media posts and messages requesting money in exchange for "winning numbers" for the Belize government lottery games such as, Boledo, Ordinary, and Jackpot Lottery are fraudulent and illegal.

The Belize Government Lotteries Limited has implemented a series of measures to ensure that drawings are conducted with the highest standards of integrity and transparency. These measures include:

- Weighing of the balls before and after each drawing to ensure that weight limits are within internationally acceptable standards, thus guaranteeing drawing randomness.
- All drawings are conducted by senior level public officers.
- All drawings are supervised and audited by auditors of Coye & Associates Auditing Firm.
- All drawings are held publicly and anyone wishing to, is welcome to attend and witness the live drawings which are also broadcasted live by Love FM. (release)

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Patrick Whitelaw** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Dugout’s Bar & Grill”** located at # 40/36/38 George Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Imports & Goods Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“+501 Duty Free”** located at P.G.I.A., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eden A. Holland** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Jet’s Bar”** located in Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Janelly Velasquez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Luna’s Grocery Store”** located on Antonio Sosa Drive, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lystia L. EK** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Sal Y Lemon Mexican Bistro & Day Club”** located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Louis A. Ramirez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Hot Sands Oasis”** located at Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Reynaldo Mo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“E And R Shop”** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Francisca N. Sanchez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Almond Corner Mart”** located in Rodney Moguel Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Giovanni M. Garcia** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Govas Spot”** located in Caledonia Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Karina Gonzalez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“El Faro Bar & Grill”** located on Consejo Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ivonne A. Innis** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Frank’s Mini Shop”** located in Calcutta Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ana L. Mai** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Mai’S Corozal Shop”** located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xena N. Montejo** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Zeena’s Karaoke Cool Spot”** located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Francisco A. Hernandez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Miraamor Cool Spot”** located in Ranchito Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elfidio I. E. Garrido** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Espinoza’s Mini Shop”** located in Chan Chen Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fani Y. Cobb** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Fani La Escondida”** located in Copper Bank Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ian A. Ke** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Progreso Convenience Store”** located in Progreso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Carina Burgos** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Hailey Plump Mini Shop”** located on Altamira Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dongliang Xiap** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Wood House Restaurant & Bar”** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Araceli Reyes** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“AJ Shop”** located in Carolina Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Pablo E. Alas** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Sarteneja-Estrella Del Mar”** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Arsenia M. Tun** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“La Tia Rukis”** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lisbeth Cruz** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Lizzie’s Liquor Shop”** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maria E. Pott** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“La Esquinita Mini Shop”** located in Louisville Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rene O. Tapa** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Tapia’s Natural Mystic”** located in Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Baha Ozgur** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Corozo Blue’s Restaurant Bar & Day Resort”** located on South End, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Baha Ozgur** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **“Blues Lounge”** located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Nelia Garcia** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Nelia Store”** located in Caledonia Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis E. Urizar** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Sarteneja Kelly Supermarket”** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elvis White** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Euphoria 21”** located on 2nd Street North, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juliany R. Dominguez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Simon Offy”** located in San Andres Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eligia D. Cambara** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“E & KN Restaurant”** located on 5th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sunil Kumar** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **“Las Perlas Del Mar”** located in Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose Antonio Velasquez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Purple Office”** located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dianira E. Lopez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“D Lopez Shop”** located in Progreso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elizabeth Tun** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“One Stop Cool Spot”** located in San Andres Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Cindy S. Herrera** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Sunset View Restaurant & Bar”** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Siedy S. Cowo** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Antojitos El Gordo”** located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Roberto E. Varden** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **“Casa Blanca By The Sea Restaurant”** located in Consejo Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose David Alpuche** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“4 Mile Laguna Beach”** located at Mile 89 Northern Beach, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Doroteo Rodriguez** is applying for a **Malt 7 Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Palapa Noa Noa”** located in San Joaquin Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Santiago D. Montalvo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Montalvo Shop”** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Irene E. Escobar** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“Mia Haven Restaurant”** located in Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **DongLiang Xiao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Da Chong Shop”** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis YuQue** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Pancho’s Drink House”** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Nelsie Yanelie Campos** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **“The Perfect Spot”** located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Martin I. Rash** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“NNN Mini Store”** located in Chan Chen Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

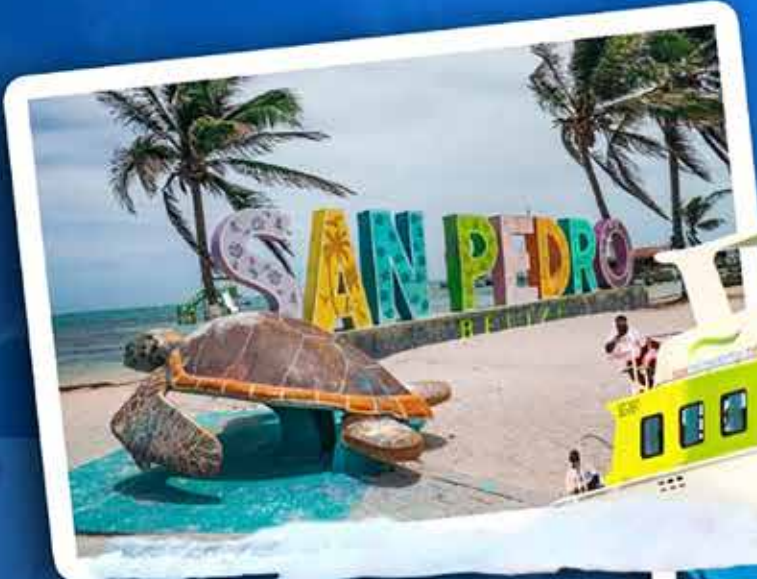
Notice is hereby given that **Emelda V. Valdez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Eduardo’s Mini Shop”** located in Ranchito Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kelly M. Flores** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“K & Y Palapa”** located in San Victor Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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